



NOTICE OF GRANT AND AGREEMENT AWARD

1. Award Identifying Number NR233A750004G036	2. Amendment Number	3. Award /Project Period Date of final Signature - 04/14/2028	4. Type of award instrument: Grant Agreement
5. Agency (Name and Address)  USDA Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities c/o FPAC-BC Grants and Agreements Division 1400 Independence Ave SW, Room 3236 Washington, DC 20250 Direct all correspondence to FPAC.BC.GAD@usda.gov		6. Recipient Organization (Name and Address)  MILLBORN SEEDS INC 2132 32ND AVE BROOKINGS SD 57006-6804  UEI Number / DUNS Number: TVTMPQNPAER3 / 879549830 EIN:	
7. NRCS Program Contact  Name: TANYA CULBERT	8. NRCS Administrative Contact  Name: SUNDII JOHNSON	9. Recipient Program Contact  Name: ALEX HALBACH	10. Recipient Administrative Contact  Name: VIVIAN GEORGALAS
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11. CFDA 10.937	12. Authority 15 USC 714 et seq	13. Type of Action New Agreement	14. Program Director Name: ALEX HALBACH (b)(6)
15. Project Title/ Description: Expands climate-smart specialty grain, oilseed, oat, rye, flax, buckwheat, camelina markets in IA, MN,MT,NE,ND,SD,WI,WY & supports farmer/rancher implementation & monitoring of climate-smart practices.			
16. Entity Type: Q = For-Profit Organization (Other than Small Business)			
17. Select Funding Type			
Select funding type:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Federal	
Original funds total	34,999,974.500	54474866.00	
Additional funds total	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Grand total	34,999,974.500	54474866.00	
18. Approved Budget			

Personnel	\$1,904,107.86	Fringe Benefits	\$571,232.06
Travel	\$207,099.07	Equipment	\$0.00
Supplies	\$135,964.04	Contractual	\$6,515,662.68
Construction	\$0.00	Other	25,665,908.790
Total Direct Cost	34,115,092.770	Total Indirect Cost	\$884,881.73
		Total Non-Federal Funds	54474866.00
		Total Federal Funds Awarded	34,999,974.500
		Total Approved Budget	89,474,840.500

This agreement is subject to applicable USDA NRCS statutory provisions and Financial Assistance Regulations. In accepting this award or amendment and any payments made pursuant thereto, the undersigned represents that he or she is duly authorized to act on behalf of the awardee organization, agrees that the award is subject to the applicable provisions of this agreement (and all attachments), and agrees that acceptance of any payments constitutes an agreement by the payee that the amounts, if any, found by NRCS to have been overpaid, will be refunded or credited in full to NRCS.

Name and Title of Authorized Government Representative	Signature <b>KATINA HANSON</b> Digitally signed by KATINA HANSON Date: 2023.04.24 15:46:43 -05'00'	Date
Name and Title of Authorized Recipient Representative <i>Alex Halbach</i> Chief Legal Officer	Signature <i>Alex Halbach</i>	Date 4/20/23

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## Statement of Work

### Purpose

The purpose of this agreement, between the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Millborn Seeds, Inc. (Recipient), is to build markets for climate-smart commodities and invest in America's climate-smart producers to strengthen U.S. rural and agricultural communities.

### Objectives

The objectives of this project are to support the production and marketing of climate-smart commodities by providing voluntary incentives to producers and landowners, including early adopters, to implement climate-smart agricultural production practices, activities, and systems on working lands; measure/quantify, monitor and verify the carbon and greenhouse gas (GHG) benefits associated with those practices; and develop markets and promote the resulting climate-smart commodities.

### Budget Narrative

The official budget summarized below and described in the attached Budget Narrative will be considered the total budget as last approved by the Federal awarding agency for this award.

Amounts included in this budget narrative are estimates. Reimbursement or advance liquidations will be based on actual expenditures, not to exceed the amount obligated.

TOTAL BUDGET \$ 89,474,840.27

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS \$34,999,974.27

PERSONNEL \$1,731,006.86

FRINGE BENEFITS \$519,302.06

TRAVEL \$188,272.07

EQUIPMENT \$

SUPPLIES \$123,604.04

CONTRACTUAL \$5,923,328.95

CONSTRUCTION (usually n/a) \$

OTHER \$5,790,047.30

PRODUCER INCENTIVES \$19,839,531.25

TOTAL DIRECT COSTS \$34,115,092.55

INDIRECT COSTS \$884,881.72

TOTAL NON-FEDERAL FUNDS \$54,474,866

PERSONNEL \$

FRINGE BENEFITS \$

TRAVEL \$

EQUIPMENT \$

SUPPLIES \$

CONTRACTUAL \$

CONSTRUCTION (usually n/a) \$

OTHER \$

PRODUCER INCENTIVES \$54,474,866

TOTAL DIRECT COSTS \$54,474,866

INDIRECT COSTS \$

Recipient has elected to use the de minimis indirect cost rate.

**Responsibilities of the Parties:**

If inconsistencies arise between the language in this Statement of Work (SOW) and the General Terms and Conditions attached to the agreement, the language in this SOW takes precedence.

**RECIPIENT RESPONSIBILITIES**

Perform the work and produce the deliverables as outlined in this Statement of Work and attachments.

Ensure Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) clearance is obtained prior to conducting data collection from producers or other project participants, including data collection performed by subrecipients.

Comply with the applicable version of the General Terms and Conditions.

Submit reports and payment requests to the ezFedGrants system as outlined in the applicable version of the General Terms and Conditions. Reporting frequency is as follows:

Performance Reports: Quarterly

SF425 Financial Reports: Quarterly

Detailed Progress Report: Quarterly

(The detailed progress report is in addition to the performance and financial reports referenced above and described in the general terms and conditions)

**Expected Accomplishments and Deliverables**

See attached Benchmarks Table and associated Project Narrative.

**Resources Required**

See the Responsibilities of the Parties section for required resources, if applicable.

**Milestones**

See attached Benchmarks Table and associated Project Narrative.



## GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please reference the below link(s) for the General Terms and Conditions pertaining to this award:

<https://www.fpacbc.usda.gov/about/grants-and-agreements/award-terms-and-conditions/index.html>

### Attachments:

Budget Narrative

Project Narrative

Benchmarks Table

Climate-Smart Practices List and Limitations

Data Dictionary

Climate-Smart Specific Terms and Conditions

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## Climate-Smart Specialty Grains and Oilseeds: Covering America from Coast to Coast

### I. Executive Summary

- a. **Contact information.** Millborn Seeds, Alex Halbach, Chief of Legal;  
[alexh@millbornseeds.com](mailto:alexh@millbornseeds.com); #605-697-6306.

**This proposal increases on-farm crop rotations via a holistic management soil health protocol that result in identity preserved specialty grains and oilseeds, as well as a new category of climate-smart cover crop seed, necessary to support the nation's interest in advancing adoption of regenerative agricultural practices.**

- The climate-smart (CS) specialty grains and oilseeds project will encourage farmers in the Northern Great Plains and Upper Midwest to raise **oats, rye, flax, buckwheat, and winter camelina**.
- A **comprehensive soil health protocol** will be adopted as part of program participation and soil carbon sequestration will be **quantified, monitored, reported, and verified** through innovative techniques.
- Farmer participants are eligible for **practice adoption incentives and market premiums** for the resulting CS commodities.
- A portion of the bushels of production will be allocated and marketed to the grain milling sector as **identity preserved, soil health verified products**.
- The main component of this pilot project will generate **climate-smart multispecies cover crop seed**, creating a new classification of cover crops seed with sufficient supply to allow regenerative agriculture to scale up across the entire U.S.

Figure 1: Climate-Smart Rye Grain Production Lifecycle (example)

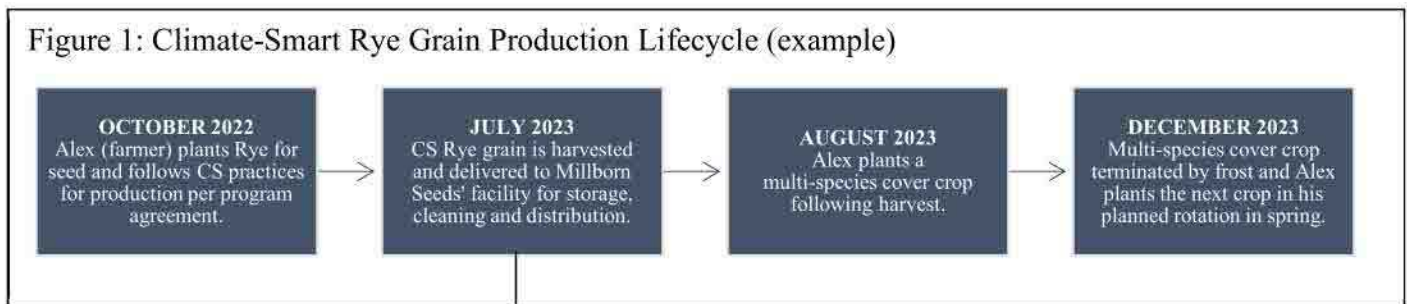


Figure 2: Climate-Smart Cover Crop Seed Distribution (example)

### b. List of project partners.

The project will be accomplished, and our objectives met through our partnerships (Table 1). Together with our partners, we will enroll growers, implement CS agricultural production

practices, grow CS specialty grains and oilseeds, monitor, report and verify the practices, verify GHG emission reductions and carbon sequestration, while developing and promoting markets for the resulting CS cover crop seed from oats, rye, flax, buckwheat, and winter camelina.

<b>Table 1. List of Project Partners and Roles</b>	
<b>Partner</b>	<b>Role</b>
Millborn Seeds	Lead applicant. Develop and market CS cover crop seed. Grain and oilseed procurement. Seed logistics, packaging, and distribution.
AgSpire	Subaward. Technical Assistance (TA) for CS practice adoption, verification, incentive payments.
EarthOptics	Subaward. MRV Partner, quantify soil carbon.
High Plains Biochar	Partner for design of biochar initiative.
Biochar Co-Op	Biochar supplier.
Value Added Agriculture Development Center	HU and small farmer outreach, as well as market development for specialty crops.
Grain Millers Inc.	Supply chain partner looking to purchase CS oats for milling customers.
Iowa Cover Crop	HU and farmer enrollment. CS cover crop supplier.
<b>List of Entities Providing Letters of Support</b>	
Ducks Unlimited	Siouxland Grass and Forage
Congressman Dusty Johnson	Spink County Conservation District
North American Millers' Association	Spronk Seed and Farm
Practical Farmers of Iowa	Syngenta
Project Apis m.	South Dakota Soil Health Coalition
Chesapeake Valley Seed	Multiple Individual Farmers

*Table 1. Project partners along with their roles & entities providing letters of support*

### **c. List of underserved/minority-focused project partners.**

Millborn Seeds has worked with a diverse set of customers from all fifty states to assist them with accomplishing their conservation goals. More than 10,000 farmers and ranchers have planted mixes from Millborn Seeds, providing a foundation for the modern regenerative agriculture movement. The team has worked with beginning farmers, tribal members and tribal initiatives, veterans, female operators, minority farmers, and specialty crop producers to help them manifest their conservation minded values on the landscapes they manage. Within this initiative, we will specifically focus on the recruitment and sign up of HU and small producers by targeting a portion of acres (25%) reserved for their participation each year, a built in HU rate that is higher for practice implementation for those participants, and additional TA resources allocated to help ensure their success.

AgSpire was founded from a passion to help land managers and owners understand how to implement regenerative agriculture practices, specifically beginning, first generation, and minority operators who may need that TA more than most. In this program, AgSpire will provide



TA for practice adoption on the acres enrolled in the production of specialty grains and oilseeds. Additionally, for the HU and small producers enrolled in the project, a full farm and ranch analysis will be completed, helping participants understand other conservation programs that could add further value to their operations.

Value Added Agriculture Development Center (VAADC) seeks to generate economic opportunities for racial, gender, minority and geographic populations lacking an adequate level or quality of services. Their current portfolio reflects 18% underserved/economically distressed and 36% persistent poverty clients. For more than 22 years, they have been a driving force in the state of South Dakota to expand further processing and value creation for farmers and ranchers, including specialty crop producers and tribal projects.

Furthermore, organizations who have submitted letters of support will help with recruitment of producers, including HU and small producers, given their outreach and network, including Practical Farmers of Iowa, South Dakota Soil Health Coalition, Duck's Unlimited, Iowa Cover Crop, and conservation districts such as the Spink County Conservation District. All these organizations have experience and expertise working with HU and small producers.

#### **d. Compelling need for the project.**

On January 10, 2022, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack announced a pledge that U.S. farmers would plant 30,000,000 acres of cover crops by the year 2030 (Bain and Vilsack, 2022). This proposal will accelerate the production of five key specialty grain and oilseed commodities that are commonly used as cover crop seed, a large step toward making this goal a reality, while further understanding the correlating GHG benefits through data collection.

Cover crop adoption on U.S. cropland has increased 50% between 2012 and 2017. However, this represents only a small minority of farms and total acres, 15.4 million total acres across the U.S. (Wallander et al. 2021). Aspirations to dramatically increase cover crop adoption have several hurdles, including cover crop seed supply (Howard, 2019; Brasher, 2021). While many species of plants can be used as cover crops, cereal grains such as rye, oats, and buckwheat, as well as oilseeds such as flax and winter camelina, are staple ingredients in cover crop seed mixes (Bowman & Wallander. 2021; Johnson, 2017). **The accelerated rate of adoption will put a strain on the current supply of cover crop seed (Howard, 2019), making an expanded seed supply necessary to advance measurable CS agriculture nationwide.**

This project will alleviate potential cover crop seed shortages by bolstering supplies of specialty grains and oilseeds. Through this program, farmers in the Midwest and Northern Great Plains will raise five specialty crops (oats, rye, flax, buckwheat, and winter camelina) in a comprehensive CS manner, incorporating multiple conservation practices: reduced tillage or no-till, nutrient management plans, conservation crop rotation, and multispecies cover crops planted every acre of specialty grain and oilseed production after harvest. Through the five years of this project (crop years 2023-2027), 242,250 acres of specialty grain and oilseed will be grown by farmers and purchased by Millborn Seeds.

- **An estimated 10,000 acres of the total will be used to produce over 1 million bushels of oats destined for the milling and food processing market, offering customers an identity preserved grain that is verified to have been raised in a comprehensive soil health manner.**
- **The remaining 232,250 acres, yielding an estimate of 16.8 million total bushels of oats, rye, flax, buckwheat, and winter camelina, will be primarily utilized to create a new category of CS (because of measurable GHG benefits) cover crop seed blends to be used across the U.S.**

Based on average seeding rates using the Minnesota State NRCS Cover Crop Seed Calculator, 16.8 million bushels will be enough seed to cover 23 million acres of cropland over the five years of the program (MN Field Office Technical Guide, 2021). This production level will provide one of the key advancements needed to equip the agriculture industry to meet the cover crop acreage goal of 30 million acres by the year 2030 (Bain and Vilsack, 2022).

**Developing Markets & Promoting CS Commodities.** Markets will be developed over the course of this project that will endure for decades to come. Part of Millborn Seeds' unique position is its existing and expanding client base of ag retailers, farm cooperatives, local seed dealerships, independent seed companies, local conservation districts, and soil health advocates that will have access to these additional bushels of cover crop seed supply to meet the demand of their farmer customers from coast to coast. Millborn Seeds will connect cover crop seed users with the farmers who are eager to grow the specialty grain and oilseed crops. Outreach and marketing efforts will be made to farmers, supply chains, and companies looking to buy low carbon intensity cover crop seed options. These purchases would be possible because of this project.

**Marketing CS Commodities.** Milling, food processing and pet food markets will be developed simultaneously within this project and will allow several end users to initiate new pilots using identity preserved, verified climate smart grains and oilseeds. Support letters have been submitted expressing interest in purchasing products destined for the food markets, attesting to the demand for CS specialty grains and oilseeds from consumers. Grain Millers Inc. has committed to procuring up to 1 million bushels of identity preserved oats verified to have been raised with CS practices. There is an increased consumer demand for understanding more about how their food is raised (Close, 2021) and this project will allow the production of traceable products grown using four or more verified CS practices in a holistic approach.

**e. Approach to minimize transaction costs associated with project activities.**

Millborn Seeds' established network allows us to build from existing relationships and partner contacts, particularly through our early adopter network. Over the course of the last 35 years, Millborn Seeds has worked with more than 10,000 farmers to start or advance their soil health journey by providing them conservation seed and agronomic advice. **These early adopters have been left out of recent opportunities, including soil carbon sequestration programs; yet their contribution emission reductions and continued carbon capture for supply chains remains paramount in our nation's production base.**



- Millborn Seeds plans to provide needed leadership in the specialty grain and oilseeds industry for documenting, verifying, and quantifying the GHG impact of how these commodities are grown.
- **In this program, more than 58% of all funds will be paid to participating farmers through direct financial practice incentive payments or product premiums.**
- **The remaining allocated funds will be spent on TA to assist with practice adoption and further agronomic advice about raising specialty grains and oilseeds, MRV of GHG benefits, and market development for climate smart specialty grains to ensure lasting viability of the approach, with future premiums to growers being supported by supply chain initiatives.**

Demand from the cover crop seed, pet food, grain milling, and livestock feed markets that are looking for documentable, sustainably raised grain and oilseed products will carry the success of this program long term, enduring long after the duration of this grant funded proposal. The system of soil carbon evaluation that **EarthOptics (monitor, report and verify (MRV) partner) will bring to the proposal looks to significantly reduce the number of soil cores to be taken per field while still providing the same high level of accurate, detailed information about soil carbon levels:** lowering cost of MRV, while providing the same quality information to enhance GHG quantification.

#### **f. Approach to reduce producer barriers.**

**Lack of a Dependable Market.** Many farmers are looking to diversify their crop rotation, and this program will allow them options to do so by growing specialty grain and oilseed crops for cover crop seed and specialty grains for the milling market. However, the specialty grains and oilseeds selected to focus on by this program are not widely traded locally, thus farmers may struggle to find a buyer for these crops, or even a posted price of what the market price is in their area. Having rye or buckwheat in the bin that does not have the proper certification and licensing to be sold as seed, is not tested for germination, and is not cleaned at the time of cover crop seeding, does not help the farmer that raised the grain, nor the farmer that needs seed to apply a cover crop. Within this project, farmers can add crops to their rotation that have proven soil health benefits, with a guaranteed buyer (Millborn Seeds) who can store, clean, package, and distribute to end users across the U.S. Forward contracts are one of the only means farmers have to mitigate risk when planting these new crops, as many of these products have low coverage levels, or are altogether ineligible for traditional crop insurance.

**Little Familiarity with Specialty Crop Production.** AgSpire and Millborn Seeds will build out TA for nutrient management plans, CS practice adoption, seed variety selection with overall good management practices specific to specialty grains and oilseeds. This will help alleviate apprehensions that farmers may have about trying a new crop on their farm.

#### **g. Geographic focus.**

Farm-based production for this project will be focused on the Upper Midwest and the Northern Great Plains, specifically ND, SD, MN, IA, NE, MT, WY, WI. However, there could be additional participants in other states on a case-by-case basis, so long as TA and MRV services

can cost effectively be delivered to those farms, consistent with the parameters outlined here. Climate-smart cover crop seed produced and verified by this project will be sold to farmers, ag retailers, and value-added processing customers across the entire U.S.

#### **h. Project management capacity of partners.**

**Millborn Seeds** is a nation-leading specialty seed company that sells more than 100 species of cover crop seed to nearly every state each year. The company has steadily been growing and influencing agriculture, conservation, and restoration of native landscapes. In 2021, seed from Millborn Seeds impacted almost 2.5 million acres across North America as a cover crop, perennial planting, native restoration, or pollinator habitat. The company has more than 1,000 different species of plants, which are procured from nearly 400 vendors from around the nation using a robust system of contract production, farmgate purchases, and a network of other seed companies. The team takes pride in efficient and effective logistics, making the process simple for our customers, even complex multispecies mixes. Millborn Seeds sells regenerative agriculture seed mixes to over 1,000 resellers and thousands of direct customers in all fifty states. Each year, Millborn Seeds writes contracts for more than 100 farmers to raise specialty crops for the purpose of providing cover crop or grass seed. They provide a leading role in building the capacity of the specialty seed business to supply current and future cover crop seed needs. Millborn Seeds also sells grain directly to grain millers, pet food companies, and other markets.

Millborn Seeds walks alongside farmers, ranchers, and landowners to become more regenerative. We provide a diverse set of seed solutions to address a wide array of resource concerns. This connection and passion was the motivation behind launching AgSpire, a subsidiary and wholly separate company from Millborn Seeds.

**AgSpire** is an innovative service-based organization connecting those who want to positively impact the land with those who can make that change. AgSpire focus in this project is to provide technical assistance focused on empowering farmers, ranchers, and landowners with information and expertise on how to make their properties more resilient, diversified, and holistically managed. Additionally, AgSpire's landowner advisors assist farmers and ranchers to connect with incentive and cost share programs, allowing them to achieve their conservation goals faster and with a higher degree of success. AgSpire works with entities, public and private, to identify opportunities to accomplish environmental goals through natural solutions and consult on the implementation of regenerative practices on the land. AgSpire has an active and growing customer base with large corporations, industry stakeholders, and landowners, providing on-the-ground TA and sustainability consulting.

**Earth Optics** strives to increase farmland value through mapping, management, and verification of soil carbon. Their goal is to improve soil health and increase yields. The company offers solutions and services for bulk density, compaction, and carbon mapping, providing highly accurate maps and quantification of soil carbon. Their patent pending mapping method includes a machine learning/data solution platform, in which all data is available to growers and partners via the secure cloud-based application. EarthOptics offers its verification services in 48 states.

**High Plains Biochar**, based out of Laramie, WY, focuses on producing and supplying biochar for a wide range of applications. They have worked closely with the Nebraska Forest service and has founded the Great Plains Biochar Initiative with the Nebraska- and Kansas Forest service. High Plains Biochar has supplied thousands of cubic yards of biochar for a wide range of applications. The team is currently focused on helping groups convert biomass waste into heat, biochar, and carbon credits using two different technologies, RocketChar furnaces and Biomacon boilers. They also market biochar from their regional network of Midwest and Western producers in the Biochar Co-op.

**Value Added Agriculture Development Center (VAADC)** has provided education and technical assistance to individuals, groups, and communities for the past 23 years. During that time, they have created a successful history of assisting in the development and expansion of agribusiness ventures that bring value to ag producers and local economies. Their current portfolio reflects 18% underserved/economically distressed and 36% persistent poverty clients.

**Grain Millers Inc.** is a leader in the manufacturing of whole-grain ingredients and whole-grain food products, with mills and a presence across the U.S. and Canada. The company manufactures flakes, fibers, brans, and flours for many large and small food companies, focusing on a high-level of customization including conventional, gluten free, non-GMO, and organic grain-based products. Grain Millers source Inc. a lot of their grain directly from farmers, with whom they have a close relationship ensuring the production of the highest quality food ingredients.

## **II. Climate-Smart Practice Implementation**

### **a) Description of CSAF practices to be deployed.**

In this program, farmers who want to plant rye, oats, flax, buckwheat, or winter camelina will contract with Millborn Seeds who will commit to purchasing that product at a base price. To be eligible for an additional climate-smart premium payment (as detailed in the Budget Narrative), participating farmers must commit to at least two of the following CS practices on fields producing the commodity:

1. Reduced Tillage or No-Till (CPS- 345, 2016; CPS- 329, 2016).
2. Nutrient Management Plan, reducing N usage by >25% (CPS- 590, 2019).
3. Conservation Crop Rotation, minimum of a three-crop rotation (CPS- 328, 2014).

Each acre of specialty grain or oilseed production must be accompanied by an equal number of acres of multispecies cover crop or forage planting on the same operation. Adoption of these practices will be supported by a per acre incentive payment of \$27 (\$33 HU rate) per acre for either option.

1. Multispecies Cover Crop (CPS- 340, 2021).
2. Forage or Biomass Planting (CPS- 512, 2020).

**Early Adopters.** Many of the participants may be early adopters who have already established some of these practices on their operation. These participants are an existentially important part of any producer network, as they provide mentorship and sage counseling for those who are

prepared to transition their farm to include more regenerative practices. This program will offer the early adopters a chance to further diversify their crop rotation by growing a supply of specialty grain and oilseed products that can meet the growing demand for cover crop seed.

**Expanding use of biochar.** Participants will be offered an opportunity to participate in the biochar initiative provided through this program. Through a relationship with High Plains Biochar, **roughly 10-15% of the contract acres will have a biochar treatment** applied annually. Most of the biochar application will be done when the multispecies cover crop is planted, after the harvest of the specialty grain and oilseed crops. This emerging practice holds great potential for increased soil health, enhancing even the great progress made by early adopters (Whetstone, 2015). Using biochar as an additional component of a custom blended multispecies cover crop mix allows the soil amendment to be incorporated on a farm without additional application cost, soil disturbance or equipment passes in the field.

The adoption of a comprehensive suite of CS practices promotes a holistic approach to farm management, rather than focusing on individual practices. Implementation of multiple synergistic practices can maximize the potential of enrolled acres to provide GHG benefits, while offering numerous other environmental co-benefits including better soil health, a reduction of nutrient runoff and leaching, reduced erosion, increased water and air quality, greater availability of livestock forage for grazing operations, elevated wildlife and pollinator habitat, and creation of greenspaces that enhance the aesthetic appeal of rural landscapes (NRCS, 2022).

#### **b) Plan to recruit producers and landowners, including estimated scale of project.**

Millborn Seeds' existing customer base includes thousands of customers who have already purchased a regenerative agriculture seed mix in the past. Many of these customers have become the early adaptors in their respective geographies. Early adopters are essential to gaining further adoption of CS practices (NWF, 2021). These producers, willing to increase the diversity of their crop rotation, will be key to increasing specialty grain and oilseed production to ensure cover crop seed supply in the future. This program allows them to be incentivized for their role in the soil health and CS agriculture movement, as they are many times unable to qualify for traditional NRCS programs and carbon credit markets.

AgSpire will also provide a recruiting arm for the project, through their outreach and TA pipeline for other programs and provide educational presentations in participating states. Both AgSpire and Millborn Seeds play an active role as leaders in soil health and conservation conventions, workshops, field days, and producer meetings that will provide opportunities to raise awareness about the opportunity for farmers to engage in this project.

Several organizations will be key to the success of recruitment including, but not limited to organizations who have submitted support letters, **South Dakota Soil Health Coalition, VAADC, Iowa Cover Crops, Spink County Conservation District, Practical Farmers of Iowa, Syngenta, and Ducks Unlimited.** Additionally, state, and local NRCS staff, University Extension, and Conservation Districts in the target geography will be informed of the project, sign-up period, and contract availability, as well as consulted with to ensure that efforts for the adoption of CS practices are synergistic with existing initiatives for working lands conservation.



Table 2: Scale of CS Specialty Grain and Oilseed Program	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total
Oat Acres	4,250	10,625	17,000	23,375	29,750	85,000
Oat Bushels Produced	403,750	1,062,500	1,700,000	2,454,375	3,272,500	8,893,125
Rye Acres	8,500	17,000	25,500	31,875	38,250	121,125
Rye Bushels Produced	382,500	850,000	1,402,500	1,753,125	2,295,000	6,683,125
Flax Acres	850	1,700	2,550	4,250	4,675	14,025
Flax Bushels Produced	25,500	59,500	89,250	148,750	187,000	510,000
Buckwheat Acres	850	1,700	2,550	4,250	4,675	14,025
Buckwheat Bushels Produced	25,500	51,000	89,250	148,750	187,000	501,500
Winter Camelina Acres	638	1,063	1,488	2,125	2,763	8,077
Camelina Bushels Produced	15,938	31,875	44,625	69,063	96,688	258,189
Total Participant Contracts	50-100	100-150	200- 250	250-300	300-350	900-1150
Total Acres	15,088	32,088	49,088	65,875	80,113	242,252

Table 2. Scale of Climate- Smart specialty grains and oilseeds produced over 5 years.

Acres of Cover Crop Seed Produced From the Program				
	Bushels produced	Seeding Rate- lbs./acre*	Lbs. Per Bushel	# of Cover Crop Seed Acres Provided
Oats (less 10% for the milling market)	8,893,125	30	32	9,486,000
Rye	6,683,125	55	56	6,804,636
Flax	510,000	30	60	1,020,000
Buckwheat	501,500	45	60	668,667
Winter Camelina	258,189	3	60	5,163,780
*Based on the Minnesota NRCS State Seed Calculator			<b>Total</b>	<b>23,143,083</b>

Table 3. Acres of CS cover crop seed produced. Based on the Minnesota NRCS State Seed Calculator (MN Field Office Technical Guide, 2021).

### c) Plan to provide TA, outreach, and training.

Each participant will have a one-on-one relationship with an AgSpire landowner advisor. AgSpire will assist with practice adoption and integration through a “boots on the ground” approach, travelling to participating farms and offering insight relative to their individual needs. Additionally, AgSpire and other partner organizations will organize several educational events per year that would allow participants to gather and exchange ideas and best practice concepts with one another through informational presentations, workshops on specific topics, and facilitation of peer-to-peer learning.

Many of the field under contract will have a **nutrient management plan** aimed at reducing commercial nitrogen usage by at least 25% compared to university guidelines (Gerwing & Gelderman, 2005). AgSpire will be responsible for documenting these plans and advising appropriate fertility recommendations for the growing crop. A baseline fertility test will be

performed on each field in preparation for the growing season annually, to strategically apply fertilizer in each field based on existing nutrients in the soil and the corresponding yield goal of the crop.

AgSpire has landowner advisors that can be deployed offering direct farmer and rancher consultation for supply chains and will to expand capacity immediately upon award of this grant. This project could begin signing up participants March 1, 2023, or sooner, pending award timeline.

**d) Plan to provide financial assistance.**

Incentive payments will be paid for multispecies cover crop and forage plantings on acres planted in accordance with each state's respective NRCS standards for the practice, EQIP Code 340 and 512 respectively. Payments will be a flat rate of (b)(4) (for HU Rate) per acre, not to exceed the total number of contracted CS specialty grain or oilseed acres for any given year. That payment is similar to the 2022 EQIP rates for those practices in the participating states (EQIP SD, 2022; EQIP IA, 2022). AgSpire will verify that producers are not receiving double payments for the same practice, though due to the popularity of EQIP and CSP contracts, the budget estimates that up to 40% of the contract acres in this program may have a pre-existing contract for cover crop acres, meaning those dollars will not be needed. Hence, the budget allocated a (b)(4) per acre over all enrolled acres for this payment, reflecting the percentage of acres that would be eligible for enrollment and per bushel premiums (because of the other comprehensive soil health practices in the project) but not receiving cover crop payments from this program. As this is an estimate, adjustments will be made after year one and each successive year, to reflect the true %.

The other cropland practices implemented (reduced tillage or no-till, conservation crop rotation, and nutrient management plan) will be implemented as a package for this program, with incentive payments paid in the form of a per bushel premium (detailed in the budget narrative) for the production from the contract acres. All practices will be verified by AgSpire, entered in a third-party digital service that will be deployed for this project. Practices must be implemented and documented by the producer and verified by AgSpire before incentive payments are made.

**e) Plan to enroll underserved and small producers.**

Each enrollment year, there will be two sign-up pools for this program based on the target number of acres that crop year. A target of 25% of total acres each year will be reserved for HU or small producers, ensuring that at least 25% of the incentive payments for the per bushel premium will go to these two producer groups. Additionally, an HU rate will be used for cover crop or perennial forage planting adoption, at (b)(4) acre vs. (b)(4) acre.

Technical assistance will be provided to all participants on an individual basis, and HU and small producers will receive additional resources by establishing a more comprehensive and thorough relationship with AgSpire landowner advisors. Each HU or small producer will receive a whole farm analysis from AgSpire on how more of their acres could participate in additional working lands conservation programs, beyond the enrolled acres in this project. This in-depth consultation will allow HU and small producers to learn more about other USDA conservation programs such as CSP, EQIP, CRP, SHPP, RCPP, etc., as well as private and NGO initiatives that may help to



drive other CS practices across their farm, including pasture acres. One specific partner, VAADC, is focused on creating opportunities for HU and small farmers and has a database of qualifying farmers. Other supporting organizations with specific expertise in providing opportunities for HU and small producers include Practical Farmers of Iowa, SD Soil Health Coalition, and Duck's Unlimited, in addition to conservation districts and NRCS.

### **III. Measurement/Quantification, Monitoring, Reporting and Verification**

#### **a) Approach to GHG benefit quantification and measurement.**

Millborn Seeds will have personnel dedicated to working with appropriate modeling tools to quantify impacts of fertilizer usage, field practices (diesel fuel), transportation emissions, and packaging emissions, to calculate direct emissions from the production of these climate smart commodities. This will allow farmers, supply chains, carbon programs, and other companies to have greater visibility into the full lifecycle impact of cover crop seed production before it is planted in other fields. COMET-Planner will continue to be used to quantify GHG benefits, and future measurements and monitoring will be provided to USDA to further inform the model. EarthOptics, the official MRV partner for this project, will provide GHG and soil carbon measurements. EarthOptics has developed a proprietary machine learning platform that allows them to train a model on a few in-situ measurements and then uses that model to interpret large areas using low-cost data from farm vehicles and remote sensing platforms. (b)(4)

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The soil testing budget is for this purpose- to test for soil carbon and nutrients on those participants doing a nutrient management plan enhancement

#### **b) Approach to monitoring of practice implementation.**

AgSpire's landowner advisors will be active not only in assisting with practice adoption, but also monitoring those practices to ensure compliance and tracking. (b)(4)

(b)(4)

#### **c) Approach to reporting and tracking GHG benefits**

**COMET-Planner.** The direct impact of the multifaceted CS practice adoption on 242,250 acres of specialty grain and oilseed crops in the target geography is an approximate carbon sequestration and GHG reduction of 130,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent (CO<sub>2</sub>e) over the five-

year period of the project according to COMET-Planner (COMET- Planner, 2022). Moreover, the downstream benefit of carbon sequestration and GHG reduction from 22 million acres of cover crop plantings using seed from harvested grains and oilseeds is approximately 2.87 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e using COMET-Planner (COMET- Planner, 2022). Thus, using COMET-Planner quantification methods, more than 3 million tonnes of GHG benefit will be enabled by this project through both the contract specialty grain and oilseed fields and the resulting cover crops planted from their production. In total, the impact of GHG benefit from this program, including the downstream cover crop plantings enabled through cover crop seed availability, calculates to:

- **12.5 tonnes of GHG benefit would result from each acre of specialty grain and oilseed planted through this initiative.**
- **Factoring in all Federal funds allocated for this project, it would cost about \$12 per tonne of GHG benefit.**

As the program is implemented, these numbers will be updated as actual yields, soil carbon measurements, and other metrics are recorded. Because the practices implemented in this program are done on cropland, long-term commitment to CS practices will be paramount for enduring climate benefits. The focus on holistic, multi-practice implementation accompanied by TA should lead to a greater likelihood of continued adherence to CS practices.

**d) Approach to verification of GHG benefits.**

(b)(4)

While this program verifies GHG benefits from the adoption of CS practices, participants are not required by Millborn Seeds or any partner to sign agreements which would preclude them from enrolling in additional carbon programs where they may qualify, if they choose to.

**e) Agreement to participate in the Partnerships Network.**

Millborn Seeds is committed to participating in the Partnerships Network, and given the urgent need for the adoption of CS land use practices, our understanding of the implementation of such practices such as cover crops, alternative forages, crop diversity, native grassland restoration, pollinator habitat, perennial seedings, erosion control, grass waterway establishment, and edge of field practices should give us a unique perspective that we can share with other participants in the Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities Program.



#### **IV. Plan to Develop and Expand Markets for Climate-Smart Commodities**

##### **a) Any partnerships designed to market resulting CS commodities.**

The primary product created from the project will be climate-smart cover crop seed that will be distributed across the U.S. Millborn Seeds' customer base, including more than 800 seed companies, conservation NGOs, ag retailers, and farm cooperatives from coast to coast. Additionally, Millborn Seeds supplies conservation seed to more than 150 local conservation districts in 8 states. These entities, and the local farmers they supply, will benefit from consistent, elevated supply of cover crop seed at a time when demand may create regional shortages. In the seed industry, product quality, purity, and germination are well documented, but the way the seed is grown has not been verified at scale. Oats, rye, flax, buckwheat, and winter camelina all have soil health advantages when incorporated into a broader crop rotation. Increased number of crops in a rotation offer advantages to build a more diverse soil microbe biome and decrease the need for pesticides, by breaking the lifecycle of crop specific pests through greater time between plantings (Phatak et al. 2007). Additionally, growing these shorter season specialty crops allow for a wider window to plant multispecies cover crops after grain and oilseed harvest. Therefore, the added benefit of growing specialty grain and oilseed crops using a comprehensive soil health regimen may mean that the resulting impact on the environment could be minimal or even climate positive once enough data from this project is collected. Agriculture practices that can build significant amounts of soil organic matter could sequester more carbon than they cause to be released, making the resulting commodity produced carbon negative. The case for cover crops could be even stronger if the benefits are not only positive downstream (when cover crops are used in conjunction with a cash crop production system), but also upstream (when producing the specialty grains and oilseeds that get used as cover crop seed). Thus, the value of sourcing oats, rye, flax, buckwheat, or winter camelina for a cover crop from a verified CS system could have added interest from carbon companies, supply chain initiatives, or other individuals looking to reduce their carbon footprint or fulfill Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) commitments.

The second market that this project will engage in would be the milling and food processing industry. (b)(4)

(b)(4) Consumers are demanding more information about where their food comes from and how it was raised. The positive land use practices, emissions reduction strategies employed, and potential for carbon sequestration will offer a compelling story for the agriculture industry to tell, backed by data collected from this project. Grain Millers Inc. has committed to sourcing up to 1 million bushels of oats to fulfill this need in their supply chain. All specialty grain and oilseed bushels produced will be able to have a quantified GHG impact for supply chains to be able to communicate to their consumers. This proposal will help farmers and supply chains answer questions that their end users have about scope 3 emissions from agriculture products. Moreover, nutrient density of food is a major topic today, and there have been inquiries made into whether commodities produced in a regenerative manner offer higher levels of essential nutrients per serving (Montgomery et al. 2022). End users of these grains and oilseeds can test these products to determine if there is a nutritional advantage to products raised using CS practices.

By year two (2024/2025) an additional facility will be needed to handle storage, cleaning, processing, and packaging of the additional 16.8 million bushels of specialty grains and oilseeds produced over the course of this project. The VAADC has specific expertise in helping businesses evaluate options and create a plan to lease or build the right facility options for the growth of their operations. This facility would likely be in Eastern South Dakota, central to the production area proposed, and will increase market accessibility for farms producing specialty crops. Additional opportunities will arise from this facility expansion, as it will also be used to procure many other crops that Millborn Seeds buys, including field peas, triticale, millet, teff, lentils, warm season native grasses, cool season introduced grasses, and many more ([www.millbornseeds.com](http://www.millbornseeds.com)). Leasing a portion of this centralized facility will allow farms to exponentially expand the number of crops they could be growing on their land and increase product availability for all types of conservation seed needed throughout the U.S.

**b) A plan to track CS commodities through the supply chain.**

Existing tracking capabilities within Millborn Seeds' established system will be adequate to track the resulting CS seed bushels through the supply chain. Crops produced will be assigned a lot number when the field is harvested. Millborn Seeds will provide tracking on a field-by-field basis, similar to state certified seed programs (SDCIA, 2011). This tracking number stays with the product from grain and oilseed harvest to the final customer. Segregation of products will be available with on farm or off farm traceable storage.

**c) Estimated economic benefits for participating producers.**

There are several economic benefits to producers participating in this program.

**Assurance of a Market for Specialty Grains and Oilseeds.** Many farmers who have tried to raise specialty grains and oilseeds in the past have had frustration when selling the grain and oilseed they have produced is significantly more challenging than the process of selling corn, soybeans, wheat, or other higher volume commodities. In the target geography, it is uncommon for local grain terminals to have an oat or rye bid, and delivery points for flax, buckwheat, and winter camelina are almost nonexistent. In this program, farmers who are willing to try new crops that may benefit their crop rotation will have a guaranteed market for their production.

**Practice Incentives and Market Premiums for Holistic Soil Management.** Farms and ranches adopting CS practices today do not receive much, if any, premium for their products as compared to farms producing the same commodity with more short-sighted, extractive methods. Furthermore, the development of carbon capture markets to date have largely excluded early adopters from participation in their programs because they chose to adopt practices before they could be counted as additionality in their models (Gewin, 2021). This project provides practice incentives (cover crops and perennial forage planting) for participants, as well as a per bushel premium for grain and oilseeds produced in a comprehensive soil health approach using CS practices, regardless of when the adoption was made.

**Biochar Soil Amendment.** There has been a lot of discussion around biochar as a way to convert biomass waste into a stable form of carbon that does not immediately cycle back into the atmosphere. Studies have shown that biochar amendments to the soil can have further benefits to soil health and carbon sequestration (Lal et al. 2016). Yet, biochar applications in the target



geography of this program have been rare, and the overall benefits loosely quantified. Through this project, farmers willing to try a biochar soil amendment can be eligible for a trial at no cost.

(b)(4)

#### **d) Post-project potential.**

Through this program, verified climate-smart and identity preserved commodities will be grown on hundreds of farms. The products of these farms will be distributed widely through the cover crop seed market from coast to coast, as well as through supply chains providing food, feed, and fuel products to consumers. The Millborn Seeds market development team will work over the course of this program and beyond, to show the value of verified CS commodities through:

**Future Cover Crop Seed Demand.** The increased demand for cover crop seed is unlikely to peak in 2030 at 30 million acres. For example, in Gabe Brown's February 25, 2021, testimony to the Committee on Agriculture for the US House of Representatives, the North Dakota farmer and regenerative agriculture pioneer stated "We need a massive mobilization of multispecies cover crops and mentorship from experienced individuals to ensure their success. We need 75% of our cropland covered in the off seasons as soon as possible." (Brown, 2021). This would be roughly 300 million acres of cover crop seed needed each year to accomplish this lofty target (NASS, 2017).

**Supply Chain Needs and Expectations.** Many companies in the food and agriculture supply chain have made public commitments to enhance sustainability within their supply chains. However, for much of the grain and oilseed market, traceability alone is a barrier to progress. This program will jumpstart several initiatives to preserve the identity of crops and verify the CS practices used in production fields. By the end of the project, a data set will be built that can further refine the models we have for quantifying what true impact these crops may have on the GHG emissions when raised in a CS manner. The partnership with Grain Millers Inc. and other potential customers is the beginning of building supply chains that communicate information to the consumer and translate into premiums for outstanding farmers. In the coming years, livestock feed and pet food sectors could represent additional markets for agriculture products produced in this manner.

**Low Carbon Intensity Oilseeds.** Winter camelina has been identified as a strong candidate to be an impactful cash crop due to demand for more renewable oil and diesel. While its principal role in this program is to produce seed for use in cover crop mixtures, through this program, much will be learned about growing winter camelina on farms in multiple states; fertility needs, response to various practices, seeding rates and corresponding yield. Also, growers will become accustomed to recording practices and other information, similar to how carbon intensity models will inform the biofuels market to generate premiums for growers.

**Efficient and Cost-Effective Soil Carbon Monitoring and CS Practice Verification.** The goal of this program is to develop streamlined methods of monitoring and verifying CS practices and soil carbon levels. The MRV activities included in this project are designed to reduce the intensity of soil cores needed to provide the same high-quality information related to soil carbon

levels. As the models become more informed, even less on-site monitoring may be required, and verification of practices may be done from distant locations, reducing evaluation costs to allow participation of remote and distance rural farmers, making enrollment and maintenance in any identity preserved, climate smart program more efficient.

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**Required Quantitative Targets by Quarter (Cumulative) – some initial quarters may be zero:**

**Number of producers Involved**

*Total: 969*

*Year 1: 40 (Q1: 0, Q2: 3, Q3: 37, Q4: 0)*

*Year 2: 99 (Q1: 20, Q2: 7, Q3: 72, Q4: 0)*

*Year 3: 167 (Q1: 49, Q2: 10, Q3: 108, Q4: 0)*

*Year 4: 231 (Q1: 78, Q2: 17, Q3: 136, Q4: 0)*

*Year 5: 293 (Q1: 111, Q2: 19, Q3: 164, Q4: 0)*

*Year 6: 138 (Q1: 138, Q2: 0, Q3: 0, Q4: 0)*

**Number of underserved producers involved**

*Total: 242*

*Year 1: 10 (Q1: 0, Q2: 1, Q3: 9, Q4: 0)*

*Year 2: 25 (Q1: 5, Q2: 2, Q3: 18, Q4: 0)*

*Year 3: 42 (Q1: 12, Q2: 3, Q3: 27, Q4: 0)*

*Year 4: 58 (Q1: 20, Q2: 4, Q3: 34, Q4: 0)*

*Year 5: 73 (Q1: 28, Q2: 5, Q3: 41, Q4: 0)*

*Year 6: 34 (Q1: 34, Q2: 0, Q3: 0, Q4: 0)*

**Number of acres involved**

*Total: 242,252*

*Year 1: 9988 (Q1: 0, Q2: 850, Q3: 9138, Q4: 0)*

*Year 2: 24,863 (Q1: 5100, Q2: 1700, Q3: 18,063, Q4: 0)*

*Year 3: 41,863 (Q1: 12,325, Q2: 2550, Q3: 26,988, Q4: 0)*

*Year 4: 57,800 (Q1: 19,550, Q2: 4250, Q3: 34,000, Q4: 0)*

*Year 5: 73,313 (Q1: 27,625, Q2: 4675, Q3: 41,013, Q4: 0)*

*Year 6: 34,425 (Q1: 34,425, Q2: 0, Q3: 0, Q4: 0)*

**Number of head involved (if applicable)**

*N/A*

**Dollars provided to producers**

*Total: \$19,842,365*

*Year 1: \$75,650 (Q1: 0, Q2: 0, Q3: 0, Q4: \$75,650)*

*Year 2: \$1,182,602 (Q1: 0, Q2: 50,402, Q3: 980,900, Q4: 151,300) Year 3: \$2,601,045 (Q1: 0, Q2: 94,607, Q3: \$2,253,988, Q4: \$252,450)*

*Year 4: \$4,124,882 (Q1: 0, Q2: \$132,432, Q3: \$3,571,700, Q4: \$420,750) Year 5: \$5,477,825 (Q1: 0, Q2: \$199,750, Q3: \$4,768,500, Q4: \$509,575) Year 6: \$6,380,362 (Q1: 0, Q2: \$273,537, Q3: \$6,106,825, Q4: 0)*

**GHG Benefits (Metric Tons of CO2e Reduced or Sequestered)**



*Total: 131,785 CO2e Sequestered*

*Year 1: 462 CO2e (Q1: 0, Q2: 0, Q3: 0, Q4: 462)*

*Year 2: 8670 CO2e (Q1: 0, Q2: 347, Q3: 7398, Q4: 925)*

*Year 3: 17,918 CO2e (Q1: 0, Q2: 578, Q3: 15,953, Q4: 1387)*

*Year 4: 27,629 CO2e (Q1: 0, Q2: 809, Q3: 24,507, Q4: 2312)*

*Year 5: 36,067 CO2e (Q1: 0, Q2: 1156, Q3: 32,368, Q4: 2543)*

*Year 6: 41,038 CO2e (Q1: 0, Q2: 1503, Q3: 39,535, Q4: 0)*

**Number of new marketing channels\* established**

*Total: 50*

*Year 1: 11 (Q1: 0, Q2: 1, Q3: 5, Q4: 5)*

*Year 2: 15 (Q1: 3, Q2: 5, Q3: 5, Q4: 2)*

*Year 3: 12 (Q1: 3, Q2: 3, Q3: 3, Q4: 3)*

*Year 4: 8 (Q1: 2, Q2: 2, Q3: 2, Q4: 2)*

*Year 5: 4 (Q1: 2, Q2: 2, Q3: 0, Q4: 0)*

*Channels per crop 10 (food grade, specialty grains, mills, consumers, oilseeds, cover crop seed and oilseed retailers, etc.) using a variety of channels:*

- *Google Ad placements*
- *Search Engine Optimization*
- *News and industry print material ad placement*
- *Attendance at new (to Millborn Seeds) events (Farm Progress, Natural Products Expo West, Petfood Forum, etc.)*
- *Influencer Marketing*

**Number of marketing channels\* expanded**

*Total: 20 year over year (Minimum 11 unique channels)*

*Year 1: 4 (Q1: 0, Q2: 2, Q3: 2, Q4: 0)*

*Year 2: 4 (Q1: 2, Q2: 0, Q3: 2, Q4: 0)*

*Year 3: 4 (Q1: 2, Q2: 0, Q3: 2, Q4: 0)*

*Year 4: 4 (Q1: 2, Q2: 0, Q3: 2, Q4: 0)*

*Year 5: 4 (Q1: 2, Q2: 0, Q3: 2, Q4: 0)*

*Social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn), trade show attendance, field day attendance, workshop attendance, external speaking engagements, Email, direct mail, podcast speaking engagements.*

*Travel budget includes extensive industry and producer relations building, including regional day trips, overnight travel to meet them where they are, and to attend events. Additional categories in the budget are Marketing Materials, Postage, Customer Relationship Management Software, Video & Photo Production, Trade Show Attendance, Booth Materials, and so on. This is for both existing marketing and new marketing channels.*

**Number of measurement tools utilized**



*Total: 2 unique year over year.*

*Year 1: 2 (Q1: 0, Q2: 1, Q3: 1, Q4: 0)*

*Year 2: 2 (Q1: 0, Q2: 1, Q3: 1, Q4: 0)*

*Year 3: 2 (Q1: 0, Q2: 1, Q3: 1, Q4: 0)*

*Year 4: 2 (Q1: 0, Q2: 1, Q3: 1, Q4: 0)*

*Year 5: 2 (Q1: 0, Q2: 1, Q3: 1, Q4: 0)*

*The tools include EarthOptics soil testing protocol and AgSpire's soil testing protocol. Most soil measurements are expected to take place prior to planting, Q2 or Q3 each year.*

*\*Note: Marketing channels can be a wide range e.g. selling to food processors, distributors, direct to consumer.*

**Other Required Benchmarks that may be quantitative or qualitative:**

**Outreach, training and other technical assistance**

*Total: 4845*

*Year 1: 200 (Q1: 0, Q2: 17, Q3: 183, Q4: 0)*

*Year 2: 497 (Q1: 102, Q2: 34, Q3: 361, Q4: 0)*

*Year 3: 837 (Q1: 247, Q2: 51, Q3: 540, Q4: 0)*

*Year 4: 1156 (Q1: 391, Q2: 85, Q3: 680, Q4: 0)*

*Year 5: 1466 (Q1: 553, Q2: 94, Q3: 820, Q4: 0)*

*Year 6: 689 (Q1: 689, Q2: 0, Q3: 0, Q4: 0)*

*This includes a combination of outreach efforts, training and TA directed towards the producer audience:*

- *Technical Assistance: 969 producers. All producers will have a contract with Millborn Seeds and a technical advisory service provided through AgSpire.*
- *Marketing materials distributed*
- *Event attendance (including Commodity Classic and SD Soil Health Coalition)*
- *Event impressions (meetings scheduled, estimated number of visitors to booth)*
- *Speaking Engagements (estimated number of audience members)*
- *Advertisements (online and print)*
- *Search Engine Optimization*
- *Google Traffic and Keyword Services*
- *Social Media*
- *AgSpire events 2 x per year is expected to draw a significant producer audience*

**Other MMRV and supply chain traceability attributes**

*Target area measured by MMRV and traced through the supply chain. Total: 242,252 acres.*

*Year 1: 9988 (Q1: 0, Q2: 850, Q3: 9138, Q4: 0)*

*Year 2: 24,863 (Q1: 5100, Q2: 1700, Q3: 18,063, Q4: 0)*

*Year 3: 41,863 (Q1: 12,325, Q2: 2550, Q3: 26,988, Q4: 0)*

*Year 4: 57,800 (Q1: 19,550, Q2: 4250, Q3: 34,000, Q4: 0)*

*Year 5: 73,313 (Q1: 27,625, Q2: 4675, Q3: 41,013, Q4: 0)*

*Year 6: 34,425 (Q1: 34,425, Q2: 0, Q3: 0, Q4: 0)*

*MMRV efforts in project:*

- *EarthOptics Basic- 25% of acres*
- *EarthOptics Deep Cores- 2% of acres*
- *AgSpire Soil Health Protocol- 100% of acres*
  - *Reduced Tillage or No-Till*
  - *Nutrient Management Plan*
  - *Conservation Crop Rotation*
  - *Multispecies Cover Crop*
  - *Biochar*
  - *Forage or Biomass Planting*
- *Soil Testing Protocol (budgeted under AgSpire) – 100% of fields*

*The resulting commodities (5 crops) are identity preserved and soil-health verified specialty grains and oilseeds. Each crop is assigned a lot number when the field is harvested, on a field-by-field. This tracking number stays with the product from harvest to final customer.*

***Other measurements of work related to marketing of commodities***

- *Social media impression will be tracked.*
- *Event Attendance (local, regional and national trade shows, workshops, field days, speaking engagements, etc.)*
- *# of people in attendance at events will be tracked.*
- *Industry and producer relations building.*
- *Ads placed and printed will be tracked.*
- *Website, SEO and Google Analytics will be tracked.*
- *Email open rate will be tracked.*
- *LinkedIn has built in metrics that show engagement rates, follower growth, reach.*

- *E-newsletter can track sign up rates (which would be a proxy for website engagement, event engagement, or general awareness), plus gives you click through rates and insight into what people are interested in.*
- *A CRM can combine data from several different sources and combine them to track engagement and conversions.*

***Demonstrated engagement of major partners***

*Total Year 1-5: 100%*

*The expectation of all major project partners is 100% engagement from year 1 through year 5. Each partner is expected to meet their deliverables each quarter and each year, as outlined in the project and budget narratives, as well as the letters of support submitted. All project partners will be in regular communication with quarterly status reports.*

***Climate smart technologies employed (if applicable)***

*N/A*

## ATTACHMENT - CLIMATE-SMART PRACTICES LIST AND LIMITATIONS

### Climate-Smart Practices and Limitations

Climate-Smart practices under this grant shall be limited to the following practices:

NRCS Practice Code	Practice Name
345	Residue and Tillage Management, Reduced Till
590	Nutrient Management
328	Conservation Crop Rotation
340	Multispecies Cover Crop
512	Forage Biomass Planting
329	Residue Tillage Management, No-Till

All practices applied under this grant will follow NRCS practice standards unless noted below:

N/A



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## Overview of Reporting Requirements

Grant recipients are required to submit reports to document their performance under the *Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodity* funding opportunity. These submissions will be required to use the Microsoft Excel workbook templates provided by USDA. The workbooks contain a series of worksheets that collect data in a standardized format to ensure data quality and allow for aggregation and summary of this information. The entire workbook must be submitted quarterly, with updates to all applicable worksheets. This guide is divided into three sections. The *Overview of Reporting Requirements* section summarizes the layout of the reporting workbook and presents the data elements included in each worksheet. It also describes additional documents that must be submitted to supplement the performance reports. The *Data Definitions* section provides descriptions and allowable response options for each data element. The guide also indicates whether each data element is required, applicable at times, or optional; as well as how frequently each data element must be updated. Finally, the *Appendices* contain practice and commodity lists that will be used for these reports. Reporting is necessary for USDA oversight of this effort. The data elements required for inclusion in the quarterly performance reports allow USDA to conduct selected audits to review whether producers are receiving federal funds from multiple sources for the same purpose; to determine whether GHG benefits from implementation of climate-smart agriculture and forestry (CSAF) practices are being estimated accurately; and for other purposes deemed appropriate by USDA.

The reporting worksheets collect information at four levels: project, partner, producer, and field. Descriptions of each level:

- Project level:** Information about activities and impacts at a whole project/aggregate level (i.e., reflecting all activities under the grant agreement). Some project-level reporting is further subdivided by commodity type or a combination of commodity and CSAF practice(s) (commodity x practice).
- Partner level:** Information about activities related to a single organization (recipient, subrecipient, contractor, or other partner) within a project.
- Producer level:** Information about individual producers who have one or more farms enrolled in a project.
- Field level:** Information about individual fields enrolled in a project.

Certain data elements are required to be reported for each producer and field enrolled in a project. In order to minimize the burden associated with data collection and to enable USDA to match data to existing records, these producer- and field-specific records must use the producer's established FSA Farm, Tract and Field IDs, and report the State and County associated with the Farm ID. Associated data entered in conjunction with these data elements, such as Producer Name, must match the data contained in the customer's Business Partner record, and the Farm Operating Plan in Business File for that Farm ID. Disclosure of this information is protected under Section 1619 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (PL 110- 246), 7 U.S.C. 8791. Additionally, Departmental Regulation 4370-001 provides USDA's policies for collecting demographic data, including race, ethnicity and gender. Providing demographic information is voluntary and at the discretion of the customer. Demographic information is used by USDA for statistical purposes only and will not be used to determine an applicant's eligibility for programs or services for which they apply.

**Note:** For purposes of this guide, "farm" refers to the operation from which climate-smart commodities are produced and may represent farms, ranches, forests or other operations. Similarly, "field" refers to the individual land units at which climate-smart practices are being implemented to produce climate-smart commodities and may represent lots, farmsteads or other units, depending on the type of operation and commodity. The use of "Farm", "Tract" and "Field" align with the FSA definitions; for example, "A field is a part of a farm that is separated from the balance of the farm by a permanent boundary, such as; fences, permanent waterways, woodlands, croplines in cases where farming practices make it probable that this cropline is not subject to change, and other similar features."



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The following tables list the data elements included in each reporting worksheet, along with a brief description of each item.

### Project Summary

These data will be collected about each project. Cumulative results are reported each quarter. Report last quarter's entry if there has been no change in this quarter.

Table 1. Project Summary elements

Data element name	Description	Frequency
Commodity type	Type of commodity(ies) incentivized by the project	Quarterly
Commodity sales	Indicates sales of the commodity(ies) related to the project occurred this quarter	Quarterly
Farms enrolled	Indicates enrollment activities occurred this quarter	Quarterly
GHG calculation methods	Methods used to calculate greenhouse gas (GHG) benefits	Quarterly
GHG cumulative calculation	Method used to calculate cumulative GHG benefits	Quarterly
Cumulative GHG benefits	Whole project estimate of total GHG (CO <sub>2</sub> e) emission reductions	Quarterly
Cumulative carbon stock	Whole project estimate of total carbon sequestration	Quarterly
Cumulative CO <sub>2</sub> benefit	Whole project estimate of total CO <sub>2</sub> emission reductions	Quarterly
Cumulative CH <sub>4</sub> benefit	Whole project estimate of total CH <sub>4</sub> emission reductions	Quarterly
Cumulative N <sub>2</sub> O benefit	Whole project estimate of total N <sub>2</sub> O emission reductions	Quarterly
Offsets produced	Amount of carbon offsets produced by project	Quarterly
Offsets sale	Name of marketplace where carbon offsets were sold	Quarterly
Offsets price	Price of carbon in offset sales	Quarterly
Insets produced	Amount of carbon insets produced by project	Quarterly
Cost of on-farm TA	Cost of on-farm technical assistance (TA) provided to producers	Quarterly
MMRV cost	Cost of measurement, monitoring, reporting, and verification (MMRV) activities	Quarterly
GHG monitoring method	Methods used by project to monitor GHG benefits (up to 5)	Quarterly
GHG reporting method	Methods used by project to report on GHG benefits (up to 5)	Quarterly
GHG verification method	Methods used to verify GHG benefits (up to 5)	Quarterly



**Partner Activities**

These data will be collected at the project level. Each row in this worksheet will represent one organization involved in the project, including the recipient and all contributing partners. A partner is any organization that is receiving project funds or providing matching contributions (funds or in-kind contributions) to the project. While the recipient must complete one row for their own organization, not all data elements apply to the recipient. These exceptions are noted in the detailed descriptions of the specific elements in the *Data Definitions* section of this guide. Data are reported cumulatively each quarter. Report last quarter's entry if there has been no change in this quarter.

Table 2. Partner Activities elements

<b>Data element name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Frequency</b>
Partner ID	Unique ID for each partner	One-time
Partner name	Name of partner organization	One-time
Partner type	Type of organization	One-time
Partner POC	Partner point of contact name	As applicable
Partner POC email	Partner point of contact email	As applicable
Partnership start date	Start of partnership on project	One-time
Partnership end date	End of partnership on project	As applicable
New partnership	Indicator for partner organizations that have no prior work with the recipient	As applicable
Partner total requested	Total amount requested to date by partner from recipient	Quarterly
Total match contribution	Total amount of match contribution by partner to date	Quarterly
Total match incentives	Total amount of match contribution by partner for incentives	Quarterly
Match type	Top 3 types of match contribution by partner, other than incentives	Quarterly
Match amount	Value of match contributions by type	Quarterly
Training provided	Top 3 types of training provided to the partner through project	Quarterly
Activity by partner	Top 3 types of activities provided by this partner to producers or other partners	Quarterly
Activity cost	Approximate cost per activity type provided by partner to producers or other partners	Quarterly
Products supplied	Names of products supplied to producers as part of project activities or incentives	Quarterly
Product source	Supplier or source of products supplied to producers as part of project activities or incentives	Quarterly



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**Marketing Activities**

These data will be collected at the project level. Each row in this worksheet will correspond to one commodity for which the project enrolls fields and one marketing channel used to sell that commodity by the project or producers enrolled in the project. Data are reported for the current quarter and are not cumulative. If no sales of the commodity were reported during a quarter, do not complete this worksheet for that quarter.

Table 3. Marketing Activities elements

<b>Data element name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Frequency</b>
Commodity type	Type of commodity incentivized by the project	Quarterly
Marketing channel type	Type of marketing channels used	Quarterly
Number of buyers	Number of buyers per marketing channel	Quarterly
Names of buyers	Names of buyers in the marketing channel	Quarterly
Marketing channel geography	Geography of marketing channel	Quarterly
Value sold	Value of commodity sold by marketing channel	Quarterly
Volume sold	Volume of commodity sold by marketing channel	Quarterly
Price premium	Price premium of commodity by marketing channel	Quarterly
Price premium to producer	Percent of price premium that goes to the producer	Quarterly
Product differentiation method	Top 3 types of product differentiation methods used	Quarterly
Marketing method	Top 3 types of marketing methods used	Quarterly
Marketing channel identification method	Top 3 ways marketing channel was identified	Quarterly
Traceability method	Top 3 types of supply chain traceability methods used	Quarterly

Producer Enrollment

These data will be collected at the producer level about each farm enrolled in the project. In this worksheet, each row will correspond to one farm that has at least one field enrolled in the project. Data are reported when a producer first enrolls one or more fields in the project. If a producer is enrolled in the project for multiple years, review the farm characteristics each time a new contract is signed and provide any necessary updates. The quarterly submission should contain information about each farm initially enrolled in the project during that quarter and for updates to farms that have re-enrolled during that quarter, as applicable. If no farms are enrolled during that quarter, do not complete this worksheet for that quarter.

Table 4. Producer Enrollment elements

<b>Data element name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Frequency</b>
Farm ID	Unique Farm ID assigned by FSA	
State or territory	State name (must match FSA farm enrollment data)	
County of residence	County name (must match FSA farm enrollment data)	
Producer data change	Indicator that producer data was updated at re-enrollment	As applicable
Producer start date	Contract start date	Enrollment
Producer name	Name of primary operator	Enrollment
Underserved status	Indicator the primary operator is considered underserved and/or a small producer	Enrollment
Total area	Total area of enrolled operation	Annual
Total crop area	Total crop area in enrolled operation enrolled	Annual
Total livestock area	Total livestock confinement, pasture and rangeland in enrolled operation	Annual
Total forest area	Total forest area in enrolled operation	Annual
Livestock type	Top 3 types of livestock on enrolled operation	Annual
Livestock head	Total livestock currently managed (by type)	Annual
Organic farm	Indicator that part of the farm is certified or transitioning organic	Annual
Organic fields	Indicator that any of the enrolled fields are certified or transitioning organic	Annual
Producer motivation	Motivation for participation	Annual
Producer outreach	Top 3 types of outreach provided to producer	Annual
CSAF experience	Indicator of prior implementation of CSAF practices at this farm	Annual
CSAF federal funds	Indicator of prior receipt of federal funds for CSAF practices	Annual
CSAF state or local funds	Indicator of prior receipt of state funds for CSAF practices	Annual
CSAF nonprofit funds	Indicator of prior receipt of nonprofit funds for CSAF practices	Annual
CSAF market incentives	Indicator of prior receipt of market incentives for CSAF practices	Annual



Field Enrollment

These data will be collected about each field enrolled in the project. In this worksheet, each row corresponds to one field x commodity combination enrolled in the project. Generally, data are reported once for each field, at its initial enrollment. The quarterly submission should contain information about each field initially enrolled in the project during that quarter. If no fields are enrolled during that quarter, do not complete this worksheet for that quarter. If a field is enrolled for multiple years, any relevant changes, such as a new ID number or changes to the commodity or practice combinations should be entered in this worksheet during the quarter it is re-enrolled, or as applicable.

Table 5. Field Enrollment elements

<b>Data element name</b>	<b>Description</b>
Farm ID	Unique Farm ID assigned by FSA
Tract ID	Unique Tract ID assigned by FSA
Field ID	Unique Field ID assigned by FSA
State or territory of field	State name
Physical County of field	Physical county name must match FSA farm records
Prior Field ID	Previous Field ID when reconstitution of farm results in new Field IDs
Field data change	Indicator that field data has changed from initial enrollment
Contract start date	Start date of contract
Total field area	Size of enrolled field
Commodity category	Category of commodity(ies) produced
Commodity type	Type of commodity(ies) produced
Baseline yield	Average yield of commodity in 3 years prior to enrollment
Baseline yield location	Location for which baseline yield is provided
Field land use	Most common land use in field in past 3 years
Field irrigated	Most common irrigation type in field in past 3 years
Field tillage	Most common tillage in field in past 3 years
Practice past extent - farm	Extent of operation that implemented this practice prior to project enrollment
Field any CSAF practice	Indicator for prior CSAF practices in this field in past 3 years
Practice past use - this field	Indicator of prior use of this practice in this field in the past 3 years
Practice type	CSAF practice(s) that will be implemented in enrolled field (up to 7)
Practice standard	Organization that developed CSAF practice standard implemented in field
Planned practice implementation year	Year that practice is planned to be implemented
Practice extent	Area or number of animals for which practice is implemented
Follow-on questions	Follow-on questions by practice type (see Table 11)

**Farm Summary**

These data will be collected about each farm enrolled in the project. In this worksheet, each row will correspond to one farm that has at least one field enrolled in the project. The quarterly submission should contain updates to any data elements that have changed for each farm enrolled in the project during that quarter. If there are no changes from the previous quarter, do not complete this worksheet for that quarter. Data are not cumulative.

Table 6. Farm Summary elements

<b>Data element name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Frequency</b>
Farm ID	Unique Farm ID assigned by FSA	
State or territory	State name	
County of residence	County name	
Producer TA received	Type of technical assistance provided to producer	Quarterly
Producer incentive amount	Total financial incentive provided to the producer	Quarterly
Incentive reason	Top 4 reason(s) for financial incentives provided to producer	Quarterly
Incentive structure	Top 4 units on which financial incentives are structured	Quarterly
Incentive type	Top 4 type(s) of financial incentives provided to producer	Quarterly
Payment on enrollment	Extent of payment provided to producer upon enrollment	Quarterly
Payment on implementation	Extent of payment provided to producer upon implementation of CSAF practices	Quarterly
Payment on harvest	Extent of payment provided to producer upon harvest or slaughter	Quarterly
Payment on MMRV	Extent of payment provided to producer upon reporting or verification	Quarterly
Payment on sale	Extent of payment provided to producer upon sale of commodity	Quarterly



Field Summary

These data will be collected about each field enrolled in the project for a commodity x practice(s) combination. In this worksheet, each row will correspond to one field x commodity x practice(s) combination enrolled in the project. Data for each field will be reported quarterly and are not cumulative. Report data for any elements that have an update in that quarter. Greenhouse gas benefit estimates must be entered upon practice completion or annually, as appropriate. If there are no changes from the previous quarter, do not complete this worksheet for that quarter. This worksheet includes a section to report the “official” estimate of GHG benefits – amounts of greenhouse gas emissions reduced and carbon sequestered – for the field. These quantities refer to the estimates that are used to calculate the project’s aggregate impact (reported in Table 1). Tables 8 and 9 are used to report alternate estimates of the field-level GHG benefits when additional methods are used to model (Table 8) or measure (Table 9) these impacts. Any field that can use COMET-Planner must submit those results, either as the official or alternate model.

Table 7. Field Summary elements

Data element name	Description	Frequency
Farm ID	Unique Farm ID assigned by FSA	
Tract ID	Unique Tract ID assigned by FSA	
Field ID	Unique Field ID assigned by FSA	
State or territory of field	State name	
County of field	County name	
Commodity type	Type of commodity produced from field	Quarterly
Practice type	Type of practice(s) incentivized in field (up to seven)	Quarterly
Date practice complete	Date that practice implementation is certified complete	Quarterly
Contract end date	End date of contract	Quarterly
MMRV assistance provided	Indicator that MMRV assistance is provided to field	Quarterly
Marketing assistance provided	Indicator that marketing assistance provided for commodity from field	Quarterly
Incentive per acre or head	Indicator that a per acre/head incentives is provided for the CSAF practice(s) on this field	Quarterly
Field commodity value	Value of commodity produced from field	Quarterly
Field commodity volume	Volume of commodity produced from field	Quarterly
Cost of implementation	Total cost of practice implementation in field	Quarterly
Cost coverage	Percent of total cost of implementation of practice covered by project incentives	Quarterly
Field GHG monitoring	Methods used to monitor GHG benefits in field (up to 3)	Quarterly
Field GHG reporting	Methods used to report on GHG benefits for field (up to 3)	Quarterly
Field GHG verification	Methods used to verify GHG benefits for field (up to 3)	Quarterly
Field GHG calculations	Methods used to calculate GHG benefits for field	Quarterly
Field official GHG calculation	Method used to calculate official GHG benefits for field	Quarterly
Field official GHG ER	Official estimate of total GHG emission reductions for field	Quarterly
Field official carbon stock	Official estimate of total carbon sequestration for field	Quarterly
Field official CO <sub>2</sub> ER	Official estimate of total CO <sub>2</sub> emission reductions for field	Quarterly
Field official CH <sub>4</sub> ER	Official estimate of total CH <sub>4</sub> emission reductions for field	Quarterly
Field official N <sub>2</sub> O ER	Official estimate of total N <sub>2</sub> O emission reductions for field	Quarterly
Field offsets produced	Amount of carbon offsets produced in field	Quarterly
Field insets produced	Amount of carbon insets produced in field	Quarterly
Other field measurements	Indicator that field data was collected for reasons other than GHG benefit estimation	Quarterly

**GHG Benefits - Alternate Modeled**

If greenhouse gas benefits are modeled for the same field using multiple methods, the results for the alternate models are reported in this worksheet. The “alternate” models refer to those model results that were not used in the calculation of the project’s aggregate impact (as reported in Table 1). Any field that can use COMET-Planner must submit those results, either as the official or alternate model. These data will be collected about the modeled GHG benefits for each field x commodity x practice(s) combination. In this worksheet, each row will correspond to one field enrolled in the project. Data are not cumulative. Each quarterly submission should include information for all fields that have new modeled data. Greenhouse gas benefit estimates must be entered upon practice completion or annually, as appropriate.

Table 8. GHG Benefits – Alternate Modeled elements

<b>Data element name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Frequency</b>
Farm ID	Unique Farm ID assigned by FSA	
Tract ID	Unique Tract ID assigned by FSA	
Field ID	Unique Field ID assigned by FSA	
State or territory of field	State name	
County of field	County name	
Commodity type	Type of commodity(ies) produced from the field (up to 6)	Annual
Practice type	Type of practice(s) incentivized in field (up to 7)	Annual
GHG model	Model used to calculate GHG benefits	Annual
Model start date	Start date of model run	Annual
Model end date	End date of model run	Annual
Total GHG benefits estimated	Estimate of total GHG benefits for field	Annual
Total carbon stock estimated	Estimate of total change in carbon stock for field	Annual
Total CO2 estimated	Estimate of total CO2 emission reductions for field	Annual
Total CH4 estimated	Estimate of total CH4 emission reductions for field	Annual
Total N2O estimated	Estimate of total N2O emission reductions for field	Annual

**GHG Benefits - Measured**

Projects must report the results of any carbon stock or greenhouse gas emission measurements in this worksheet. These data will be collected at the field level. Each row will represent a separate measurement method used to calculate GHG benefits for a given field. Data are reported once per year of measurement and are not cumulative. Each quarterly submission should include information for any field for which there are new soil samples or new calculations of annual GHG benefits based on actual measurements.

Table 9. GHG Benefits - Measured data elements

<b>Data element name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Frequency</b>
Farm ID	Unique Farm ID assigned by FSA	
Tract ID	Unique Tract ID assigned by FSA	
Field ID	Unique Field ID assigned by FSA	
State	State name	
County	County name	
GHG measurement method	Method of measurement	Annual
Lab name	Entity that conducted analysis	Annual
Measurement start date	Start date of measurements	Annual
Measurement end date	End date of measurements	Annual
Total CO2 reduction calculated	Calculation of total CO2 reduction	Annual
Total carbon stock change calculated	Calculation of change in carbon stock	Annual
Total CH4 reduction calculated	Calculation of total CH4 reduction	Annual
Total N2O reduction calculated	Calculation of total N2O reduction	Annual
Soil sample result	Numeric result from soil sample	Annual
Measurement type	Type of analysis conducted	Annual



**Additional Environmental Benefits**

Projects that track additional environmental benefits (e.g., water quality improvements) from enrolled fields report results in this worksheet. These data will be collected about each field. Each row in this worksheet will correspond to an enrolled field. Data are not cumulative. Estimates of environmental benefits must be entered upon practice completion or annually, as appropriate.

Table 10. Additional Environmental Benefits elements

<b>Data element name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Frequency</b>
Farm ID	Unique Farm ID assigned by FSA	
Tract ID	Unique Tract ID assigned by FSA	
Field ID	Unique Field ID assigned by FSA	
State	State name	
County	County name	
Environmental benefits	Indicator that project tracks other environmental benefits	Annual
Reduction in nitrogen loss	Indicator that project tracks reductions in nitrogen loss	Annual
Amount	Amount	Annual
Purpose	Purpose of tracking those co-benefits	Annual
Reduction in phosphorus loss	Indicator that project tracks reductions in phosphorus loss	Annual
Amount	Amount	Annual
Purpose	Purpose of tracking those co-benefits	Annual
Other water quality	Indicator that project tracks other water quality improvements	Annual
Type	Type of water quality metric being tracked	Annual
Amount	Amount	Annual
Purpose	Purpose of tracking those co-benefits	Annual
Water quantity	Indicator that project tracks reduced water use	Annual
Amount	Amount	Annual
Purpose	Purpose of tracking those co-benefits	Annual
Reduced erosion	Indicator that project tracks reductions in soil erosion	Annual
Amount	Amount	Annual
Purpose	Purpose of tracking those co-benefits	Annual
Reduced energy use	Indicator that project tracks reductions in energy use	Annual
Amount	Amount	Annual
Purpose	Purpose of tracking those co-benefits	Annual
Avoided land conversion	Indicator that project tracks reductions in land conversion	Annual
Amount	Amount	Annual
Purpose	Purpose of tracking those co-benefits	Annual
Improved wildlife habitat	Indicator that project tracks improvements in wildlife habitat	Annual
Amount	Amount	Annual
Purpose	Purpose of tracking those co-benefits	Annual



### Supplemental Data Submission

#### Project MMRV Plan

##### *Definition of MMRV elements:*

**Measurement:** Quantification of the greenhouse gas benefits (reduction or capture) using mathematical models and/or direct physical measurements in the field

**Monitoring:** Ongoing review and confirmation that the climate-smart practice has been implemented according to the agreed upon standard and documentation of any changes in the site, implementation, or GHG emissions impacts over time

**Reporting:** Documenting and sharing monitoring and measurement results with project partners, the recipient, and any third-party verification organization

**Verification:** Independent confirmation that measurement, monitoring and reporting information are complete, accurate and reliable.

Projects must submit an MMRV plan that includes details about how each of the following are addressed:

- Quantification approach, including:
  - GHG models used
  - GHG measurement plan (if applicable)
  - Approach to quantifying additional environmental benefits, if applicable (e.g., water quality, habitat)
- Verification approach:
  - Compliance criteria
  - Verification plan/methodology
- Approach to ensuring:
  - Additionality
  - Permanence
  - Leakage
  - Impacts of weather
- Plan for non-compliance

If the project is using a specific MMRV methodology or approach developed by the recipient, a project partner, or an outside organization, the project can submit documentation associated with the methodology as long as the documentation addresses each of the above categories.

If the project is tracking other environmental benefits (as reported in the *Additional Environmental Benefits* worksheet), include a description of the methodology and tools used to track and report on these benefits.

#### Field modeled GHG benefit reports

Results from any models besides COMET-Planner used to estimate GHG benefits must also be submitted as a separate report. This includes projects running COMET-Farm. The full results of any model can be submitted in the native/standard format generated by the modeling tool and must include the following Unique IDs in the report or in the file name: State, County, Farm ID, Tract ID, Field ID.

#### Field direct measurement results

For any direct physical measurements in the field, measurement results must be submitted as a separate report and must include the following Unique IDs in the report or in the file name: State, County, Farm ID, Tract ID, Field ID. Measurement results reports must include the name of the equipment used for sampling or data collection, the name of the lab that analyzed the data, and the analytical method used.

Sample report types include soil analysis reports, summarized results of portable emissions analyzers or flux towers, water quality analyses, and plant species counts. These could be collected for the purposes of determining GHG emission reductions or carbon sequestration amounts, for calibration of tools or models, for tracking other environmental benefits, or for other reasons.



### Data Descriptions

This section provides descriptions and allowable response options for each data element. The guide also indicates whether each data element is required, applicable at times, or optional; as well as how frequently each data element must be updated.

#### Unique IDs

**Project ID:** Unique ID at the project level – “Award Identifying Number” shown on award documentation

**Partner ID:** Unique ID at the partner level – use EIN; if no EIN, a unique ID will be assigned for use in these reports

**State or territory of operation:** State or territory name

**County of operation:** Physical county name

**Farm ID:** Unique ID at the operation level assigned by Farm Service Agency (FSA)

**Tract ID:** Unique ID at the tract level assigned by FSA

**Field ID:** Unique ID at the field level assigned by FSA



Project Summary**Commodity type****Data element name:** Commodity type**Reporting question:** What climate-smart commodity types are produced by this project?**Description:** Type of commodity incentivized by the project. These commodities include those for whom farmers are directly receiving incentives or other types of marketing support. See full list of commodity options in Appendix B. List one commodity per row.**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:** FSA commodity list**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Project**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly**Commodity sales****Data element name:** Commodity sales**Reporting question:** Did project activities result in sales this quarter of the commodity(ies) produced by this project?**Description:** Indicator of sales of commodity(ies) related to project activities. If sales are reported, complete the *Marketing Activities* worksheet (Table 3) as part of the quarterly performance report.**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Yes
- No

**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Project**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly**Farms enrolled****Data element name:** Farms enrolled**Reporting question:** Did the project enroll any producers or fields this quarter?**Description:** Indicator that the project enrolled producers or fields. If enrollment activities occurred this quarter, complete the *Producer Enrollment* and *Field Enrollment* worksheets (Tables 4 and 5) as part of the quarterly performance report.**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Yes
- No

**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Project**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly**GHG calculation methods****Data element name:** GHG calculation methods**Reporting question:** What methods is the project using to calculate GHG benefits?**Description:** List the way(s) that GHG benefits are being measured and calculated by the project this quarter.**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Models
- Direct field measurements
- Both

**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Project**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly



**GHG cumulative calculation****Data element name:** GHG cumulative calculation**Description:** List the method(s) that was used to calculate the total cumulative GHG benefits reported by the project this quarter.**Data type:** List**Measurement unit:** Category**Logic:** None – all respond**Data collection level:** Project**Reporting question:** What method(s) was used to calculate the total cumulative GHG benefits reported here?**Select multiple values:** No**Allowed values:**

- Models
- Direct field measurements
- Both

**Required:** Yes**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly**Cumulative GHG benefits****Data element name:** Cumulative GHG benefits**Description:** Total cumulative estimated greenhouse gas emission reductions from practice implementation. This is updated quarterly. If there are no changes, enter the same number as the previous quarter.**Data type:** Decimal**Measurement unit:** Metric tons CO<sub>2</sub>eq**Logic:** None – all respond**Data collection level:** Project**Reporting question:** What are the project's estimated total GHG emission reductions (CO<sub>2</sub>eq) to date?**Select multiple values:** No**Allowed values:** 0-10,000,000**Required:** Yes**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly**Cumulative carbon stock****Data element name:** Cumulative carbon stock**Description:** Estimated total cumulative change in carbon stock based on practice implementation. This is updated quarterly. If there are no changes, enter the same numbers as the previous quarter. Conversion rate is one ton of carbon = 3.67 tons of CO<sub>2</sub>eq.**Data type:** Decimal**Measurement unit:** Metric tons CO<sub>2</sub>eq**Logic:** None – all respond**Data collection level:** Project**Reporting question:** How much carbon has the project sequestered to date?**Select multiple values:** No**Allowed values:** 0-10,000,000**Required:** Yes**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly**Cumulative CO<sub>2</sub> benefit****Data element name:** Cumulative CO<sub>2</sub> benefit**Description:** Estimated total cumulative carbon dioxide emission reductions based on practice implementation. This is updated quarterly. If there are no changes, enter the same number as the previous quarter.**Data type:** Decimal**Measurement unit:** Metric tons CO<sub>2</sub>**Logic:** None – all respond**Data collection level:** Project**Reporting question:** What are the project's estimated total cumulative CO<sub>2</sub> emission reductions to date?**Select multiple values:** No**Allowed values:** 0-10,000,000**Required:** Yes**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly**Cumulative CH<sub>4</sub> benefit****Data element name:** Cumulative CH<sub>4</sub> benefit**Description:** Estimated total cumulative methane reduction based on practice implementation. This is updated quarterly. If there are no changes, enter the same numbers as the previous quarter. Conversion rate is one ton of CH<sub>4</sub> = 25 tons of CO<sub>2</sub>eq.**Data type:** Decimal**Measurement unit:** Metric tons CH<sub>4</sub> reduced in CO<sub>2</sub>eq**Logic:** None – all respond**Data collection level:** Project**Reporting question:** What are the project's estimated total CH<sub>4</sub> emission reductions to date?**Select multiple values:** No**Allowed values:** 0-10,000,000**Required:** Yes**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly

**Cumulative N2O benefit****Data element name:** Cumulative N2O benefit**Reporting question:** What are the project's estimated total N2O emission reductions to date?**Description:** Estimated total cumulative nitrous oxide reduction based on practice implementation. This is updated quarterly. If there are no updated numbers enter the same number as the previous quarter. Conversion rate is one ton of N<sub>2</sub>O = 298 tons of CO<sub>2</sub>eq.**Data type:** Decimal**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Metric tons N2O reduced in CO<sub>2</sub>eq**Allowed values:** 0-10,000,000**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Project**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly**Offsets produced****Data element name:** Offsets produced**Reporting question:** How many carbon offsets have been produced in the project?**Description:** Total carbon offsets produced by enrolled project fields during the quarter. Offsets are defined as having been verified and certified using an accepted standard and sold into the carbon marketplace.**Data type:** Decimal**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Metric tons CO<sub>2</sub>eq**Allowed values:** 0-10,000,000**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Project**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly**Offsets sale****Data element name:** Offsets sale**Reporting question:** To what marketplace(s) were carbon offsets sold?**Description:** Marketplaces to which carbon offsets produced by enrolled project fields were sold. Offsets are defined as having been verified and certified using an accepted standard and sold into the carbon marketplace. List each marketplace name. Separate names with commas.**Data type:** Text**Select multiple values:** NA**Measurement unit:** Name**Allowed values:** Text**Logic:** Respond if >0 to 'Offsets produced'**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Project**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly**Offsets price****Data element name:** Offsets price**Reporting question:** What was the average price of carbon received for offsets?**Description:** Average price per metric ton paid for carbon offsets produced by enrolled project fields. Offsets are defined as having been verified and certified using an accepted standard and sold into the carbon marketplace.**Data type:** Decimal**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Dollars per metric ton**Allowed values:** 0-500**Logic:** Respond if >0 to 'Offsets produced'**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Project**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly**Insets produced****Data element name:** Insets produced**Reporting question:** How many carbon insets have been produced in the project?**Description:** Total carbon insets produced by enrolled fields during the quarter. Insets are defined as having been verified and certified using an accepted standard and accounted for within Scope 3 emissions for a firm.**Data type:** Decimal**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Metric tons CO<sub>2</sub>eq**Allowed values:** 0-10,000,000**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Project**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly



**Cost of on-farm TA****Data element name:** Cost of on-farm TA**Reporting question:** What is the total amount that has been spent to provide on-farm TA?**Description:** Total cost of any field- or practice-specific technical assistance provided by the project (by recipient or partners) to any producers. This is updated quarterly. If there are no changes, enter the same number as the previous quarter.**Data type:** Decimal**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Dollars**Allowed values:** \$0-\$50,000,000**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Project**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly**MMRV cost****Data element name:** MMRV cost**Reporting question:** What is the total amount that has been spent on MMRV activities?**Description:** Total cost of all MMRV activities paid for by the project (recipient or partners). MMRV components are defined as measurement (calculations or estimations of GHG emissions), monitoring (ongoing review and confirmation that the climate-smart practices have been implemented according to the agreed upon standard and documentation of any changes in the site, implementation, or GHG emissions impacts over time), reporting (documenting and sharing monitoring and measurement results with project partners, the recipient, and any third-party verification organization), and verification (independent confirmation that measurement, monitoring and reporting information are complete, accurate and reliable). This is updated quarterly. If there are no changes, enter the same number as the previous quarter.**Data type:** Decimal**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Dollars**Allowed values:** \$0-\$50,000,000**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Project**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly**GHG monitoring method****Data element name:** GHG monitoring 1-5**Reporting question:** How did the project monitor GHG benefits?**Description:** Up to the five most common forms of monitoring GHG benefits used this quarter as part of MMRV requirements. Monitoring is defined as ongoing review and confirmation that the climate-smart practice has been implemented according to the agreed upon standard and documentation of any changes in the site, implementation, or GHG emissions impacts over time. Include up to 5 methods, based on which methods are most commonly used for this project. The worksheet provides five columns with a drop-down list of the allowed values. Choose one value for each column. If fewer than 5 GHG monitoring methods are used, leave unnecessary columns blank. If "other" is chosen, use the additional column to enter other GHG monitoring methods as free text.**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Drones
- Ground-level photos and videos
- On-farm visit
- Plot-based sampling
- Producer records or attestation
- Satellite monitoring or remote sensing
- Soil metagenomics
- Soil sensors
- Water sensors
- Other (specify)

**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Project**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly



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**GHG reporting method**

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**Data element name:** GHG reporting 1-5**Reporting question:** How did the project track and report implementation of practices to reduce GHG emissions?

**Description:** Up to the five most common forms of tracking and reporting on practice implementation used this year as part of MMRV requirements. Reporting is defined as documenting and sharing monitoring and measurement results with project partners, the recipient, and any third-party verification organization. Include up to 5 methods, based on which methods are most commonly used for this project. The worksheet provides five columns with a drop-down list of the allowed values. Choose one value for each column. If fewer than 5 GHG reporting methods are used, leave unnecessary columns blank. If "other" is chosen, use the additional column to enter other GHG reporting methods as free text.

**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Automated devices
- Email
- Mobile app
- Paper
- Third-party actors
- Website
- Other (specify)

**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Project**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly

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**GHG verification method**

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**Data element name:** GHG verification method 1-5**Reporting question:** How did the project verify implementation of practices to reduce GHG emissions?

**Description:** Up to the five most common forms of verifying practice implementation used this year as part of MMRV requirements. Verification is defined as independent confirmation that measurement, monitoring and reporting information are complete, accurate and reliable. Include up to 5 methods, based on which methods are most commonly used for this project. The worksheet provides five columns with a drop-down list of the allowed values. Choose one value for each column. If fewer than 5 GHG verification methods are used, leave unnecessary columns blank. If "other" is chosen, use the additional column to enter other GHG verification methods as free text.

**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Artificial intelligence
- Audit by recipient
- Computer modeling
- Photos
- Record audit
- Satellite imagery
- Site or field visit
- Third-party audit
- Other (specify)

**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Project**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly

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Partner Activities**Unique IDs**

Partner ID

Unique Project ID for each partner

**Partner name****Data element name:** Name of partner organization**Reporting question:** What is the official name of the recipient or partner organization?**Description:** Legal name of recipient or partner organization**Data type:** Text**Select multiple values:** NA**Measurement unit:** NA**Allowed values:** Text**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Partner**Data collection frequency:** Partnership initiation**Partner type****Data element name:** Type of partner organization**Reporting question:** What type of organization is this?**Description:** Legal/financial structure of recipient or partner organization**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Commodity groups (501c5)
- For-profit
- Individual
- Nonprofit
- State or local agency
- Tribal agency
- University

**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Partner**Data collection frequency:** Partnership initiation**Partner POC****Data element name:** Partner POC**Reporting question:** Who is the point of contact for this project at the recipient or partner organization?**Description:** Name of a point of contact for the recipient or partner organization**Data type:** Text**Select multiple values:** NA**Measurement unit:** NA**Allowed values:** Text**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Partner**Data collection frequency:** Partnership initiation; update as necessary**Partner POC email****Data element name:** Partner POC email**Reporting question:** What is the point of contact's email address?**Description:** Email of the point of contact for the recipient or partner organization**Data type:** Text**Select multiple values:** NA**Measurement unit:** NA**Allowed values:** Text**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Partner**Data collection frequency:** Partnership initiation; update as necessary

**Partnership start date****Data element name:** Partnership start date**Reporting question:** When did the partnership start?**Description:** Date that the partner organization and the recipient began formally partnering on the project**Data type:** Date**Select multiple values:** NA**Measurement unit:** MM/DD/YYYY**Allowed values:** 01/01/2023 – 12/31/2030**Logic:** No response for recipient**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Partner**Data collection frequency:** Partnership initiation**Partnership end date****Data element name:** Partnership end date**Reporting question:** When did the partnership end?**Description:** Date that the partner organization and the recipient stopped formally partnering on the project**Data type:** Date**Select multiple values:** NA**Measurement unit:** MM/DD/YYYY**Allowed values:** 01/01/2023 – 12/31/2030**Logic:** No response for recipient**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Partner**Data collection frequency:** Partnership end quarter**New partnership****Data element name:** New partnership**Reporting question:** Is this a new partnership?**Description:** A new partnership means that the recipient and the partner organization have not had a formal working relationship (under contract or on a grant) prior to the start of the project.**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

**Logic:** No response for recipient**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Partner**Data collection frequency:** Partnership initiation**Partner total requested****Data element name:** Partner total requested**Reporting question:** What is the total amount of funding the partner has requested to date from this project?**Description:** Cumulative (total) amount of funds that the partner has requested reimbursement for from the recipient from the start of the partnership to the end of the reporting quarter. For each quarter's data entry, the value must be the sum of all previous entries plus the amount of funds requested in the reporting quarter. If there are no changes, report the value from the previous quarter.**Data type:** Decimal**Select multiple values:** NA**Measurement unit:** Dollars**Allowed values:** \$0-\$100,000,000**Logic:** No response for recipient**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Partner**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly

**Total match contribution****Data element name:** Total match contribution**Reporting question:** What is the total match value the organization has contributed to the project to date?

**Description:** Cumulative (total) value of funds and in-kind contributions (e.g., staff time, inputs, equipment rental, marketing support) that the partner has provided as a project match contribution from the start of the partnership to the end of the reporting quarter. For each quarter's data entry, the value must be the sum of all previous entries plus match contributions in the reporting quarter. If there are no changes, report the value from the previous quarter.

**Data type:** Decimal**Select multiple values:** NA**Measurement unit:** Dollars**Allowed values:** \$0-\$100,000,000**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Partner**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly**Total match incentives****Data element name:** Total match incentives**Reporting question:** What is the total value of match provided by this organization for producer incentives?

**Description:** Cumulative (total) value of funds for incentive payments directly to producers that the partner has provided as a project match contribution from the start of the partnership to the end of the reporting quarter. For each quarter's data entry, the value must be the sum of all previous entries plus match incentives in the reporting quarter. If there are no changes, report the value from the previous quarter.

**Data type:** Decimal**Select multiple values:** NA**Measurement unit:** Dollars**Allowed values:** \$0-\$100,000,000**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Partner**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly**Match type****Data element name:** Match type 1-3**Reporting question:** What types of match contributions has the organization provided to the project?

**Description:** Types of match contributions *other than incentives* provided directly to producers by the organization from the start of the partnership to the end of the reporting quarter. Enter up to the top three (in dollar value) types of match contributions provided. In-kind staff time could be used for technical assistance, marketing assistance, or other support to producers. Production inputs include seed, fertilizer, pesticides, equipment and other inputs for use in the field. The worksheet provides three columns with a drop-down list of the allowed values. Choose one value for each column. If fewer than 3 match types are used, leave unnecessary columns blank. If "other" is chosen, use the additional column to enter other match types as free text.

**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Equipment rental or use
- In-kind staff time
- Production inputs (reduced cost or free)
- Program income
- Software
- Other (specify)

**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Partner**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly





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**Match amount**

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**Data element name:** Match amount 1-3**Reporting question:** What is the value of the match contributions the organization provided to the project?

**Description:** Cumulative (total) value of funds for each match type that the organization has provided as a project match contribution from the start of the partnership to the end of the reporting quarter. Enter amounts for up to the top three (in dollar value) match types. The worksheet provides three columns for this data element. Enter one value for each column. If fewer than 3 match types are used, leave unnecessary columns blank.

**Data type:** Decimal**Select multiple values:** NA**Measurement unit:** Dollars**Allowed values:** \$0-\$100,000,000**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Partner**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly

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**Training type provided**

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**Data element name:** Training type 1-3 provided**Reporting question:** What types of training has the organization provided to project partners?

**Description:** Types of training provided to the project partner as a result of participating in the project during the past quarter. Training can come from the recipient, a project partner organization (including other divisions of their own organization, or an outside organization. Enter up to the top three (in dollar value) types of partner training provided. The worksheet provides three columns with a drop-down list of the allowed values. Choose one value for each column. If fewer than 3 training types are used, leave unnecessary columns blank. If “other” is chosen, use the additional column to enter other training types as free text.

**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Data collection
- Grant reporting
- Marketing opportunities
- Providing financial assistance
- Providing technical assistance
- Writing producer contracts
- Other (specify)

**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Partner**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly

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**Activity by partner**

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**Data element name:** Activity 1-3 by partner**Reporting question:** What types of activities has the organization provided to the project?

**Description:** Types of activities that the recipient or partner organization has provided during the reporting quarter. Enter up to the top three (in dollar value) types of activities undertaken. The worksheet provides three columns with a drop-down list of the allowed values. Choose one value for each column. If fewer than 3 activity types are used, leave unnecessary columns blank. If “other” is chosen, use the additional column to enter other activity types as free text.

**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Marketing support
- MMRV support
- Producer outreach for enrollment
- Technical assistance to producers
- Training to other partner organizations
- Other (specify)

**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Partner**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly

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**Activity cost****Data element name:** Activity cost 1-3**Reporting question:** What is the value of the activities this organization has provided to the project?

**Description:** Cumulative (total) cost of each activity type that the organization has undertaken or offered from the start of the partnership to the end of the reporting quarter. Enter amounts for up to the top three (in dollar value) activity types. The worksheet provides three columns for this data element. Enter one value for each column. If fewer than 3 activity types are provided, leave unnecessary columns blank.

**Data type:** Decimal**Select multiple values:** NA**Measurement unit:** Dollars**Allowed values:** \$0-\$100,000,000**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Partner**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly

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**Products supplied****Data element name:** Products supplied**Reporting question:** What products or supplies were provided to enrolled fields?

**Description:** Name(s) of products supplied to enrolled producers as incentives or matching contributions. Enter the name of each product, including its brand. Separate each product name with a comma. If no products or supplies were provided by the organization, leave the column blank.

**Data type:** Text**Select multiple values:** NA**Measurement unit:** Name**Allowed values:** Text**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Partner**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly

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**Product source****Data element name:** Product source**Reporting question:** Which companies provided the supplies?

**Description:** Name of firm or company from which supplies were obtained.

**Data type:** Text**Select multiple values:** NA**Measurement unit:** Name**Allowed values:** Text**Logic:** Respond if text entered for 'Products supplied'**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Partner**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly

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Marketing Activities**Commodity type**

<b>Data element name:</b> Commodity type	<b>Reporting question:</b> What type of commodity is produced by the farmers enrolled in this project?
<b>Description:</b> List a single commodity produced or marketed through incentives from this project. If multiple commodities are produced by the project, use additional rows of the worksheet to report each commodity. Use the FSA commodity list in Appendix B and choose the commodity from the list.	
<b>Data type:</b> List	<b>Select multiple values:</b> No
<b>Measurement unit:</b> Category	<b>Allowed values:</b> FSA commodity list
<b>Logic:</b> None – all respond	<b>Required:</b> Yes
<b>Data collection level:</b> Project	<b>Data collection frequency:</b> Quarterly

**Marketing channel type**

<b>Data element name:</b> Marketing channel type	<b>Reporting question:</b> What type of marketing channel is used to sell this commodity?
<b>Description:</b> List a single type of marketing channel used to sell the commodity produced by farmers enrolled in the project. If a single commodity is marketed through multiple channels, use additional rows of the worksheet to report each combination of commodity and marketing channel. If “other” is chosen, use the additional column to enter the other marketing channel type(s) as free text.	
<b>Data type:</b> List	<b>Select multiple values:</b> No
<b>Measurement unit:</b> Category	<b>Allowed values:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agricultural marketing board</li> <li>• Biorefinery</li> <li>• Commodity broker</li> <li>• Direct to consumer</li> <li>• Direct to institution</li> <li>• Direct to restaurant</li> <li>• Distributor (including grain elevators)</li> <li>• Food hub or cooperative</li> <li>• Food processor</li> <li>• Non-food byproducts processor</li> <li>• Retailer</li> <li>• USDA</li> <li>• Other (specify)</li> </ul>
<b>Logic:</b> None – all respond	<b>Required:</b> Yes
<b>Data collection level:</b> Project	<b>Data collection frequency:</b> Quarterly

**Number of buyers**

<b>Data element name:</b> Number of buyers	<b>Reporting question:</b> How many buyers are there in this marketing channel?
<b>Description:</b> List the number of individual firms or buyers in this marketing channel.	
<b>Data type:</b> Integer	<b>Select multiple values:</b> No
<b>Measurement unit:</b> Count	<b>Allowed values:</b> 1-500
<b>Logic:</b> None – all respond	<b>Required:</b> Yes
<b>Data collection level:</b> Project	<b>Data collection frequency:</b> Quarterly

**Names of buyers****Data element name:** Names of buyers**Reporting question:** What are the names of all of the buyers in this marketing channel?**Description:** Provide the names of all buyers in this marketing channel. Separate each name with a comma.**Data type:** Text**Select multiple values:** NA**Measurement unit:** Name**Allowed values:** Text**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Project**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly**Marketing channel geography****Data element name:** Marketing channel geography**Reporting question:** What is the primary geography of the marketing channel?**Description:** The primary geography of the type of marketing channel. Primary geography means the scale at which most of the activity of buying and selling happens. Local means within a single state or directly neighboring states. Regional means within a five-to-ten state area. National means across the United States. International means specific locations outside of the United States. Global means across the world or not to a specific international location.**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Local
- Regional
- National
- Global

**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Project**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly**Value sold****Data element name:** Value sold**Reporting question:** What is the value of the commodity sold in this marketing channel?**Description:** The dollar value of the commodity sold in this marketing channel this quarter (non-cumulative).**Data type:** Decimal**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Dollars**Allowed values:** \$1-\$100,000,000**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Project**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly**Volume sold****Data element name:** Volume sold**Reporting question:** What is the volume of the commodity sold in this marketing channel?**Description:** The volume of the commodity sold in this marketing channel this quarter (non-cumulative).**Data type:** Decimal**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Number**Allowed values:** 1-100,000,000**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Project**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly





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**Volume sold unit**

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**Data element name:** Volume sold unit**Reporting question:** What is the unit of volume?**Description:** The unit associated with the volume of the commodity sold in the marketing channel. If “other” is chosen, use the additional column to enter the appropriate unit as free text.**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Bales (500 pounds)
- Bushels
- Carcass pounds
- Gallons
- Kilograms
- Linear board feet
- Liveweight pounds
- Metric tons
- Pounds
- Short tons
- Other (specify)

**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Project**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly

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**Price premium**

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**Data element name:** Price premium**Reporting question:** What price premium is received for the commodity sold in this marketing channel?**Description:** The price premium received for the commodity sold in this marketing channel this quarter. Price premium is the amount received above a ‘business as usual’ price.**Data type:** Decimal**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Dollars**Allowed values:** \$0.01-\$10,000**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Project**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly

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**Price premium unit**

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**Data element name:** Price premium unit**Reporting question:** What is the unit for the price premium?**Description:** The unit associated with the price premium for the commodity sold in the marketing channel. If “other” is chosen, use the additional column to enter the appropriate unit as free text.**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Per bale (500 pounds)
- Per bushel
- Per carcass pound
- Per gallon
- Per kilogram
- Per linear board foot
- Per live pound
- Per metric ton
- Per ounce
- Per short ton
- Other (specify)

**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Project**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly

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**Price premium to producer****Data element name:** Price premium to producer**Reporting question:** What percent of the price premium is provided to the producer for the commodity sold in this marketing channel?**Description:** The percent of the price premium provided to the producer for the commodity sold in this marketing channel this quarter. Price premium is the amount received above a 'business as usual' price.**Data type:** Decimal**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Percent**Allowed values:** 0-100**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Project**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly**Product differentiation method****Data element name:** Product differentiation method 1-3**Reporting question:** What methods are used to differentiate climate-smart commodities in this marketing channel?**Description:** Provide the methods used to differentiate the climate-smart commodity in this market channel. Product differentiation methods are ways to distinguish or differentiate the climate-smart commodity in the marketplace. Include up to 3 methods, based on which methods are most commonly used for this project. The worksheet provides three columns with a drop-down list of the allowed values. Choose one value for each column. If fewer than 3 product differentiation methods are used, leave unnecessary columns blank. If "other" is chosen, use the additional column to enter other product differentiation methods as free text.**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Certification/verification for internal inssetting
- Farm certification
- Label or badge used on packaging or marketing
- Third party certification/verification
- Trademark
- Other (specify)

**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Project**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly**Marketing method****Data element name:** Marketing method 1-3**Reporting question:** What methods are used to market climate-smart commodities in this marketing channel?**Description:** Provide the method(s) used to market this commodity in this market channel. Marketing method is the way that potential buyers of the climate-smart commodity are engaged by the project partners as the sellers or facilitators of sale. Include up to 3 methods, based on which methods are most commonly used for this project. The worksheet provides three columns with a drop-down list of the allowed values. Choose one value for each column. If fewer than 3 marketing methods are used, leave unnecessary columns blank. If "other" is chosen, use the additional column to enter other marketing methods as free text**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Label or badge used on packaging or marketing materials
- Marketing partnership (e.g., promotion by buyer)
- Print marketing campaign
- Social media and digital marketing campaign
- Verbal marketing campaign (e.g., radio, word of mouth)
- Other (specify)

**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Project**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly



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**Marketing channel identification method**

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**Data element name:** Marketing channel identification method 1-3**Reporting question:** What methods are used to generate interest in climate-smart commodities in this marketing channel?

**Description:** Provide the marketing channel identification method(s) used for this commodity in this market channel. Market channel identification methods are the ways that producers and project partners generate interest in purchasing the climate-smart commodity. Include up to 3 methods, based on which methods are most commonly used for this project. The worksheet provides three columns with a drop-down list of the allowed values. Choose one value for each column. If fewer than 3 marketing channel identification methods are used, leave unnecessary columns blank. If "other" is chosen, use the additional column to enter other marketing channel identification methods as free text

**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Educational tours for buyers
- In-person lead generation
- Negotiated contracts with buyers
- Partnership network or project partner
- Other (specify)

**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Project**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly

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**Traceability method**

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**Data element name:** Traceability method 1-3**Reporting question:** What traceability methods are used for climate-smart commodities in this channel?

**Description:** Provide the traceability method(s) used for the climate-smart commodity in this market channel. Traceability methods are ways to trace the climate-smart commodity or the climate-smart claims through the supply chain. Include up to 3 methods, based on which methods are most commonly used for this project. The worksheet provides three columns with a drop-down list of the allowed values. Choose one value for each column. If fewer than 3 traceability methods are used, leave unnecessary columns blank. If "other" is chosen, use the additional column to enter other traceability methods as free text.

**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Barcode or unique ID
- Blockchain
- Book and claim
- Chain of custody
- Mass balance
- Recordkeeping
- Registry with certification
- Segregation
- Supply shed
- Volume proxy
- Other (specify)

**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Project**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly

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Producer Enrollment**Unique IDs**

Farm ID	Unique Farm ID assigned by FSA
State or territory	State name (must match FSA farm enrollment data)
County of residence	County name (must match FSA farm enrollment data)

**Producer data change****Data element name:** Producer data change**Reporting question:** Is there new/updated information for a producer who is re-enrolling in the project?**Description:** Indicates that there is new or updated information for a producer who had previously enrolled in the project and is re-enrolling.**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Yes
- No

**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Producer**Data collection frequency:** Re-enrollment**Producer start date****Data element name:** Producer start date**Reporting question:** When did the producer enroll in the project?**Description:** Date that the producer enrolled in the project by signing their first contract.**Data type:** Date**Select multiple values:** NA**Measurement unit:** MM/DD/YYYY**Allowed values:** 01/01/2023 – 12/31/2030**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Producer**Data collection frequency:** Initial enrollment**Producer name****Data element name:** Producer name**Reporting question:** What is the name of producer enrolled in the project?**Description:** Name of the producer enrolled in the project; the name must match the name contained in the customer's Business Partner record and the Farm Operating Plan in FSA Business File for that Farm ID.**Data type:** Text**Select multiple values:** NA**Measurement unit:** NA**Allowed values:** Text**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Producer**Data collection frequency:** Initial enrollment



**Underserved status****Data element name:** Underserved status**Reporting question:** Is this producer considered an underserved and/or a small producer?

**Description:** Underserved status of the primary operator of the enrolled operation. Underserved producers generally include beginning farmers, socially disadvantaged farmers, veteran farmers, and limited resource farmers; women farmers and producers growing specialty crops are generally also included in these categories. Small farms are generally those with less than \$350,000 in annual gross cash farm income. Indicate whether this producer is considered underserved, a small producer, or both underserved and a small producer. Use "I don't know" if the producer declines to answer. Departmental Regulation 4370-001 provides USDA's policies for collecting demographic data, including race, ethnicity and gender. Providing demographic information is voluntary and at the discretion of the customer. Demographic information is used by USDA for statistical purposes only and will not be used to determine an applicant's eligibility for programs or services for which they apply.

**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Yes, underserved
- Yes, small producer
- Yes, underserved and small producer
- No
- I don't know

**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** No**Data collection level:** Producer**Data collection frequency:** Initial enrollment**Total area****Data element name:** Total area**Reporting question:** What is the total area of the farm?

**Description:** Total area of the farm associated with the Farm ID. Report total area of the farm, even if only a portion of the farm is enrolled in the project. If a producer is enrolled in the project for multiple years, review the total area each time a new contract is signed and provide any necessary updates.

**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Less than 1 acre
- 1 to 9 acres
- 10 to 49 acres
- 50 to 69 acres
- 70 to 99 acres
- 100 to 139 acres
- 140 to 179 acres
- 180 to 219 acres
- 220 to 259 acres
- 260 to 499 acres
- 500 to 999 acres
- 1,000 to 1,999 acres
- 2,000 to 4,999 acres
- 5,000 or more acres

**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Producer**Data collection frequency:** Initial enrollment and subsequent enrollment(s), if applicable



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**Total crop area**

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**Data element name:** Total crop area      **Reporting question:** What percent of the current operation is cropland?

**Description:** Area of the total farm that is currently used as cropland. If a producer is enrolled in the project for multiple years, review the total crop area each time a new contract is signed and provide any necessary updates.

**Data type:** Integer

**Select multiple values:** No

**Measurement unit:** Acres

**Allowed values:** 0-100,000

**Logic:** None – all respond

**Required:** Yes

**Data collection level:** Producer

**Data collection frequency:** Initial enrollment and subsequent enrollment(s), if applicable

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**Total livestock area**

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**Data element name:** Total livestock area      **Reporting question:** What amount of the current operation is used for livestock (by area)?

**Description:** Area of the total farm that is currently used for pasture, grazing, rangeland; or animal housing, feeding or milking. If a producer is enrolled in the project for multiple years, review the total livestock area each time a new contract is signed and provide any necessary updates.

**Data type:** Integer

**Select multiple values:** No

**Measurement unit:** Acres

**Allowed values:** 0-100,000

**Logic:** None – all respond

**Required:** Yes

**Data collection level:** Producer

**Data collection frequency:** Initial enrollment and subsequent enrollment(s), if applicable

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**Total forest area**

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**Data element name:** Total forest area      **Reporting question:** What amount of the current operation is forested (by area)?

**Description:** Area of the total farm that is currently considered forest land use. Forest land use means that at least 10% of the land area is covered in trees that will be at least 13 feet tall when mature. If a producer is enrolled in the project for multiple years, review the total forest area each time a new contract is signed and provide any necessary updates.

**Data type:** Integer

**Select multiple values:** No

**Measurement unit:** Acres

**Allowed values:** 0-100,000

**Logic:** None – all respond

**Required:** Yes

**Data collection level:** Producer

**Data collection frequency:** Initial enrollment and subsequent enrollment(s), if applicable

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**Livestock type****Data element name:** Livestock type 1-3**Reporting question:** What types of livestock are raised on the farm?

**Description:** Up to top three types of livestock (by head count) on the farm. The worksheet provides three columns with a drop-down list of the allowed values. Choose one value for each column. If there are fewer than 3 livestock types, leave unnecessary columns blank. If “other” is chosen, use the additional column to enter other livestock types as free text. If a producer is enrolled in the project for multiple years, review the livestock type each time a new contract is signed and provide any necessary updates.

**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Alpacas
- Beef cows
- Beefalo
- Buffalo or bison
- Chickens (broilers)
- Chickens (layers)
- Dairy cows
- Deer
- Ducks
- Elk
- Emus
- Equine
- Geese
- Goats
- Honeybees
- Llamas
- Reindeer
- Sheep
- Swine
- Turkeys
- Other (specify)

**Logic:** Respond if ‘Total livestock area’ >0**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Producer**Data collection frequency:** Initial enrollment and subsequent enrollment(s), if applicable**Livestock head****Data element name:** Livestock head 1-3**Reporting question:** How many livestock (by type) are on this operation?

**Description:** Average annual head count for each type of livestock. Enter amounts for up to the top three livestock types by number. The worksheet provides three columns for this data element. Enter one value for each column. If there are fewer than 3 livestock types, leave unnecessary columns blank. If a producer is enrolled in the project for multiple years, review the average annual head count each time a new contract is signed and provide any necessary updates.

**Data type:** Integer**Select multiple values:** NA**Measurement unit:** Head count**Allowed values:** 1-10,000,000**Logic:** Respond if ‘Total livestock area’ >0**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Producer**Data collection frequency:** Initial enrollment and subsequent enrollment(s), if applicable





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**Organic farm****Data element name:** Organic farm**Reporting question:** Is any part of the farm currently USDA-certified organic or transitioning to USDA-certified organic?

**Description:** USDA-certified organic means that the farm has been certified by an accredited organic certifying agent or is transitioning to USDA-certified organic by not using any of the prohibited substances. Yes means that some or all of the farm is certified organic or transitioning to certified organic. No means that no part of the farm is certified organic or transitioning to certified organic. If a producer is enrolled in the project for multiple years, review the organic certification status of the farm each time a new contract is signed and provide any necessary updates.

**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** No**Data collection level:** Producer**Data collection frequency:** Initial enrollment and subsequent enrollment(s), if applicable

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**Organic fields****Data element name:** Organic fields**Reporting question:** Are any of the fields enrolled in the project currently USDA-certified organic or transitioning to USDA-certified organic?

**Description:** USDA-certified organic means that the operation has been certified by an accredited organic certifying agent or is transitioning to USDA-certified organic by not using any of the prohibited substances. Yes means that some or all of the fields enrolled in the project are certified organic or transitioning to certified organic. No means that no part of the fields enrolled in the project are certified organic or transitioning to certified organic. If a producer is enrolled in the project for multiple years, review the organic certification status of the enrolled fields each time a new contract is signed and provide any necessary updates.

**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

**Logic:** Respond if yes to 'Organic operation'**Required:** No**Data collection level:** Producer**Data collection frequency:** Initial enrollment and subsequent enrollment(s), if applicable

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**Producer motivation****Data element name:** Producer motivation**Reporting question:** Which of the following was the primary reason the producer enrolled in this project?

**Description:** Primary operator's motivation for enrolling in the project.

**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Financial benefit
- Environmental benefit
- New market opportunity
- Partnerships or networks
- Other

**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Producer**Data collection frequency:** Initial enrollment

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**Producer outreach****Data element name:** Producer outreach 1-3**Reporting question:** What types of outreach were provided to producers?

**Description:** Up to three most common types of outreach provided to producer prior to enrollment. Outreach activities are those focused on identifying and enrolling producers in the project. Outreach can come from the recipient or project partners. The worksheet provides three columns with a drop-down list of the allowed values. Choose one value for each column. If there are fewer than 3 outreach types, leave unnecessary columns blank. If "other" is chosen, use the additional column to enter other outreach types as free text.

**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** Yes**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Commodity organizations
- Conferences
- Cooperative extension
- Digital communications and resources
- Education workshops, field days, and town halls
- Existing partner networks
- Farm visits and one-on-one meetings
- General advertising
- Peer referrals and producer groups
- Phone calls
- Print communications and resources
- Retailers
- State agencies
- Targeted messaging using proprietary data
- Technical service providers
- Other (specify)

**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Producer**Data collection frequency:** Initial enrollment**CSAF experience****Data element name:** CSAF experience**Reporting question:** Has the primary operator implemented CSAF practices in the last ten years anywhere on the farm?

**Description:** Has this farm implemented climate-smart agriculture or forestry (CSAF) practices anywhere on the farm in the past 10 years or since the current primary operator took control (whichever time period is shorter)? CSAF practices are included in a list in Appendix A.

**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Producer**Data collection frequency:** Initial enrollment



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**CSAF federal funds**

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**Data element name:** CSAF federal funds**Reporting question:** Were prior CSAF practices supported by federal funds?

**Description:** If this farm (under the primary operator) has implemented CSAF practices in the last ten years, was implementation supported by federal funds? Federal funds are defined as being from programs including, but not limited to, those from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), including through Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP), Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP), or related programs), the Farm Service Agency Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), as well as funds from other USDA programs or other federal agencies.

**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

**Logic:** Respond if yes to 'CSAF experience'**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Producer**Data collection frequency:** Initial enrollment

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**CSAF state or local funds**

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**Data element name:** CSAF state or local funds**Reporting question:** Were prior CSAF practices supported by state or local funds?

**Description:** If this farm (under the primary operator) has implemented CSAF practices in the last ten years, was implementation supported by state funds? State or local funds are those from state departments of agriculture or other state agencies, local water quality districts and other local agencies.

**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

**Logic:** Respond if yes to 'CSAF experience'**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Producer**Data collection frequency:** Initial enrollment

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**CSAF nonprofit funds**

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**Data element name:** CSAF nonprofit funds**Reporting question:** Were CSAF practices supported by nonprofit funds?

**Description:** If this farm (under the primary operator) has implemented CSAF practices in the last ten years, was implementation supported by nonprofit funds? Nonprofit funds are those offered directly from a nonprofit organization to a producer.

**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

**Logic:** Respond if yes to 'CSAF experience'**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Producer**Data collection frequency:** Initial enrollment

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**CSAF market incentives**

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**Data element name:** CSAF market incentives      **Reporting question:** Were CSAF practices supported by market incentives?

**Description:** If this farm (under the primary operator) has implemented CSAF practices in the last ten years, was implementation supported by market incentives? Market incentives include premiums paid by a commodity buyer or by a consumer based on branding or labeling as a climate-smart commodity.

**Data type:** List

**Select multiple values:** No

**Measurement unit:** Category

**Allowed values:**

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

**Logic:** Respond if yes to 'CSAF experience'

**Required:** Yes

**Data collection level:** Producer

**Data collection frequency:** Initial enrollment

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Field Enrollment**Unique IDs**

Farm ID	Unique Farm ID assigned by FSA
Tract ID	Unique Tract ID assigned by FSA
Field ID	Unique Field ID assigned by FSA
State or territory of field	State name (must match FSA farm enrollment data)
County of field	County name (must match FSA farm enrollment data)
Prior Field ID, if applicable	Prior Field ID assigned by FSA if there has been reconstitution of the farm resulting in a new Field ID during the field's enrollment in the project

**Field data change****Data element name:** Field data change**Reporting question:** Has the information previously reported for this field changed?**Description:** Indicator that this entry is being used to report any relevant changes, such as a new Field ID number or changes to the commodity or practice combinations, for a field that has previously been enrolled in the project.**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Yes
- No

**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Re-enrollment**Contract start date****Data element name:** Contract start date**Reporting question:** What is the start date of the contract with the producer that includes this field?**Description:** Start date listed on the contract that enrolls the field in the project.**Data type:** Date**Select multiple values:** NA**Measurement unit:** MM/DD/YYYY**Allowed values:** 01/01/2023 – 12/31/2030**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Initial enrollment**Total field area****Data element name:** Total field area**Reporting question:** What is the total size of the enrolled field?**Description:** Total size of the field enrolled with the project.**Data type:** Decimal**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Acres**Allowed values:** .01-500**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Initial enrollment



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**Commodity category**

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**Data element name:** Commodity category**Reporting question:** What category of commodity(ies) is (are) produced from this field?**Description:** Category of commodity(ies) produced in field enrolled in the project**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Crops
- Livestock
- Trees
- Crops and livestock
- Crops and trees
- Livestock and trees
- Crops, livestock and trees

**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Initial enrollment

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**Commodity type**

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**Data element name:** Commodity type**Reporting question:** What type of commodity is produced from this field?**Description:** Type of commodity produced in field enrolled in the project. See full list in Appendix B. The worksheet provides a drop-down list of the allowed values. Choose the appropriate value. Enter additional commodities in subsequent rows.**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:** FSA commodity list**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Initial enrollment

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**Baseline yield**

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**Data element name:** Baseline yield**Reporting question:** What is the baseline yield of this field?**Description:** Average annual yield of commodity in 3 years prior to enrollment. Provide yield for the enrolled field if possible. If not at field level, provide average annual yield for the specific commodity for the operation.**Data type:** Decimal**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Production per acre or animal**Allowed values:** .01-100,000**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Initial enrollment

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**Baseline yield unit****Data element name:** Baseline yield unit**Reporting question:** Baseline yield unit

**Description:** Unit of average annual yield of commodity in enrolled field in 3 years prior to enrollment. The worksheet provides a drop-down list of choices for this data element. If "other" is chosen, use the additional column to enter the appropriate yield unit as free text.

**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Animal units per acre
- Bushels per acre
- Carcass pounds per animal
- Head per acre
- Hundred-weights (or pounds) per head
- Linear feet per acre
- Liveweight pounds per animal
- Pounds per acre
- Tons per acre
- Other (specify)

**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Initial enrollment**Baseline yield location****Data element name:** Baseline yield location**Reporting question:** For what portion of the operation is the baseline yield being reported?

**Description:** Location of the reported average annual yield of commodity in 3 years prior to enrollment. If "other" is chosen, use the additional column to enter the appropriate location as free text.

**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Enrolled field
- Whole operation
- Other (specify)

**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Initial enrollment**Field land use****Data element name:** Field land use**Reporting question:** What is this field's land use history?

**Description:** Prior to enrollment, what was the most common land use for this field in the past 3 years?

**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Crop land
- Forest land
- Non-agriculture
- Other agricultural land
- Pasture
- Range

**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Initial enrollment



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**Field irrigated**

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**Data element name:** Field irrigated**Reporting question:** What is this field's irrigation history?**Description:** Prior to enrollment, what was the most common irrigation practice on this field the past 3 years?**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- No irrigation
- Center pivot
- Drip-subsurface
- Drip-surface
- Flood/border
- Furrow/ditch
- Lateral/linear sprinklers
- Micro-sprinklers
- Seepage
- Side roll
- Solid set sprinklers
- Supplemental
- Surface
- Traveling gun/towline
- Wheel Line
- Other

**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Initial enrollment

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**Field tillage**

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**Data element name:** Field tillage**Reporting question:** What is this field's tillage history?**Description:** Prior to enrollment, what was the most common tillage approach during the past 3 years?**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- None
- Conventional, inversion
- Conventional, vertical
- No-till, direct seed
- Reduced till, inversion
- Reduced till, vertical
- Strip till
- Other

**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Initial enrollment

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**Practice past extent - farm**

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**Data element name:** Practice past extent - farm**Reporting question:** What percent of the farm has implemented this CSAF practice (combination) previously?**Description:** Prior to enrollment, on what portion of the whole farm had this (these) CSAF practice(s) ever been used by the primary operator? If multiple practices are planned to be implemented in this field, enter the value that best corresponds to the farm's prior experience with the planned set of practices.**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Never used
- Used on less than 25% of operation
- Used on 25-50% of operation
- Used on 51-75% of operation
- Used on more than 75% of operation

**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Initial enrollment

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**Field any CSAF practice**

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**Data element name:** Field any CSAF practice**Reporting question:** What is this field's prior experience with CSAF practices?**Description:** Prior to enrollment, have any CSAF practice or practices been used in this field in the past 3 years? CSAF practices are included in a list in Appendix A.**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Initial enrollment

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**Practice past use - this field**

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**Data element name:** Practice past use - this field**Reporting question:** Have this CSAF practice (combination) been implemented previously in this field?**Description:** Prior to enrollment, had this (these) CSAF practice(s) been used in this field in the in the past 3 years? Enter yes if all of the practices had been used previously in this field; enter some if multiple practices are being implemented and one or more, but not all of the practices had been used previously in this field; and enter no if none of the practices had been used previously in this field.**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Yes
- Some
- No
- I don't know

**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Initial enrollment

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**Practice type****Data element name:** Practice type 1-7**Reporting question:** What CSAF practice is being implemented in this field through the project?

**Description:** Which CSAF practice or practices will be implemented on this field as part of enrollment in the project? CSAF practices are included in a list in Appendix A. The worksheet provides seven columns for this data element. Enter one value for each column. If there are fewer than 7 practices being implemented on this field through enrollment in the project, leave unnecessary columns blank.

**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:** See list in Appendix A**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Initial enrollment**Practice standard****Data element name:** Practice standard 1-7**Reporting question:** What standard does the CSAF practice follow?

**Description:** Is the CSAF practice being implemented on the field as part of enrollment in the project following a defined practice standard? The worksheet provides seven columns for this data element. Enter one value for each column, corresponding to the practice types entered in the previous columns. If there are fewer than 7 practices being implemented on this field through enrollment in the project, leave unnecessary columns blank.

**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- NRCS
- Other (specify)

**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Initial enrollment**Planned practice implementation year****Data element name:** Practice 1-7 implementation year**Reporting question:** What year is the CSAF practice planned to be implemented?

**Description:** Year that the CSAF practice is planned to be implemented on the field. Use 2022 for early adopters, defined as fields that have the practice actively implemented in 2022 (prior to contract being signed for this project). The worksheet provides seven columns for this data element. Enter one value for each column, corresponding to the practice types entered in the previous columns. If there are fewer than 7 practices being implemented on this field through enrollment in the project, leave unnecessary columns blank.

**Data type:** Integer**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Year**Allowed values:** 2022-2030**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Initial enrollment**Practice extent****Data element name:** Practice 1-7 extent**Reporting question:** To what extent is the practice implemented?

**Description:** Total area, length, or head where the practice is being implemented in the field specified by the contract.

**Data type:** Decimal**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Extent**Allowed values:** .01-100,000**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Initial enrollment



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**Practice extent unit**

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**Data element name:** Practice 1-7  
extent unit

**Reporting question:** Unit for extent of practice implementation

**Description:** Unit for extent of practice implementation on the field specified by the contract. If “other” is chosen, use the additional column to enter the appropriate unit.

**Data type:** List

**Select multiple values:** No

**Measurement unit:** Category

**Allowed values:**

- Acres
- Head of livestock
- Linear feet
- Square feet
- Other (specify)

**Logic:** None – all respond

**Required:** Yes

**Data collection level:** Field

**Data collection frequency:** Initial enrollment

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CSAF Practice Sub-questions

For certain practices, additional questions are asked that provide information necessary to estimate greenhouse gas benefits from implementation of the practice. See Table 11 in the *CSAF Practice Sub-questions* section for descriptions of individual questions to be answered depending on the CSAF practices selected.



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Farm Summary**Unique IDs**

Farm ID	Unique Farm ID assigned by FSA
State or territory	State name (must match FSA farm enrollment data)
County of residence	County name (must match FSA farm enrollment data)

**Producer TA received**

**Data element name:** Producer TA received  
1-3

**Reporting question:** What types of technical assistance were provided to this producer?

**Description:** Did the recipient or any partner provide technical assistance (TA) to the producer this year? Technical assistance is any training, education, capacity building or other support provided by any project partner(s) directly to producers enrolled in the project. List up to the top three most common types of TA provided to this producer. The worksheet provides three columns with a drop-down list of the allowed values. Choose one value for each column. If there are fewer than 3 TA types, leave unnecessary columns blank. If "other" is chosen, use the additional column to enter other TA types as free text.

**Data type:** List

**Select multiple values:** No

**Measurement unit:** Category

**Allowed values:**

- Demonstration plots
- Equipment demonstrations
- Group field days or in-person field workshops
- Hotline
- One-on-one enrollment assistance
- One-on-one field visits
- One-on-one producer mentorship
- Producer networks and peer-to-peer groups
- Retailer consultation
- Social media/digital tools
- Train-the-trainer opportunities
- Virtual meetings or field days
- Webinars and videos
- Written materials
- None
- Other (specify)

**Logic:** None – all respond

**Required:** Yes

**Data collection level:** Producer

**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly

**Producer incentive amount**

**Data element name:** Producer incentive amount

**Reporting question:** What is the total value of financial incentives provided to this producer?

**Description:** Total incentive payment received by the producer from USDA project funds for the year (non-cumulative). Do not include incentive payments made with partner match funds.

**Data type:** Decimal

**Select multiple values:** NA

**Measurement unit:** Dollars

**Allowed values:** \$0-\$5,000,000

**Logic:** None – all respond

**Required:** Yes

**Data collection level:** Producer

**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly





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**Incentive reason**

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**Data element name:** Incentive reason 1-4      **Reporting question:** Why were incentives provided to this producer?

**Description:** List up to four reasons for producer incentive payments. List the top 4 based on total value of the incentive for each reason. The worksheet provides four columns with a drop-down list of the allowed values. Choose one value for each column. If there are fewer than 4 reasons, leave unnecessary columns blank. If "other" is chosen, use the additional column to enter other reasons as free text.

**Data type:** List

**Select multiple values:** No

**Measurement unit:** Category

**Allowed values:**

- Avoided conversion
- Conference or training attendance
- Demographics/equity payment
- Enrollment
- Foregone revenue
- Historic data collection
- Identity preservation (supply chain tracing)
- Implementation of practices
- MMRV (e.g., data collection, reporting)
- Passing audit
- Price premium on output
- Yield change
- Other (specify)

**Logic:** None – all respond

**Required:** Yes

**Data collection level:** Producer

**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly

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**Incentive structure**

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**Data element name:** Incentive structure 1-4      **Reporting question:** What are the units for the financial incentives provided to this producer?

**Description:** List the structures (units) corresponding to the top 4 (by dollar value) incentive payments to producers. Production unit is weight or volume (bushel, kilogram, ton). The worksheet provides four columns with a drop-down list of the allowed values. Choose one value for each column. If there are fewer than 4 structure types, leave unnecessary columns blank. If "other" is chosen, use the additional column to enter other structure types as free text.

**Data type:** List

**Select multiple values:** No

**Measurement unit:** Category

**Allowed values:**

- Flat rate
- Per animal head
- Per area
- Per length
- Per production unit
- Per ton GHG
- Per tree
- Other (specify)

**Logic:** None – all respond

**Required:** Yes

**Data collection level:** Producer

**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly

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**Incentive type**

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**Data element name:** Incentive type 1-4**Reporting question:** What type of incentives were provided to each producer?

**Description:** List the top 4 types of incentive payments to producers (based on dollar value). The worksheet provides four columns with a drop-down list of the allowed values. Choose one value for each column. If there are fewer than 4 incentive types, leave unnecessary columns blank. If "other" is chosen, use the additional column to enter other incentive types as free text.

**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Cash payment
- Equipment loan
- Guaranteed commodity premium payment
- Inputs and supplies
- Land rental
- Loan
- Paid labor
- Post-harvest transportation
- Tuition or fees for training
- Other (specify)

**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Producer**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly

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**Payment on enrollment**

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**Data element name:** Payment on enrollment**Reporting question:** What portion of the financial incentive is provided to the producer upon enrollment in the project?

**Description:** Any incentive payment provided to the producer upon enrollment/signing a contract, and not related to any implementation, MMRV or sales activities. Full payment means the full incentive amount for any contract held by the producer is paid upon enrollment. Partial payment means that only part of the full incentive amount for any contract held by the producer is paid upon enrollment. No payment means that none of the full incentive amount for any contract held by the producer is paid upon enrollment.

**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Full payment
- Partial payment
- No payment

**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Producer**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly

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**Payment on implementation**

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**Data element name:** Payment on implementation**Reporting question:** What portion of the financial incentive is provided to the producer upon implementation of the practices?

**Description:** Any incentive payment provided to the producer upon implementing the practices included in the contract. Full payment means the full incentive amount for any contract held by the producer is paid upon implementation. Partial payment means that only part of the full incentive amount for any contract held by the producer is paid upon implementation. No payment means that none of the full incentive amount for any contract held by the producer is paid upon implementation.

**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Full payment
- Partial payment
- No payment

**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Producer**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly

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**Payment on harvest**

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**Data element name:** Payment on harvest**Reporting question:** What portion of the financial incentive is provided to the producer upon harvest of the commodity?

**Description:** Any incentive payment provided to the producer upon harvesting or slaughtering the commodity included in the contract. Full payment means the full incentive amount for any contract held by the producer is paid upon harvest. Partial payment means that only part of the full incentive amount for any contract held by the producer is paid upon harvest. No payment means that none of the full incentive amount for any contract held by the producer is paid upon harvest.

**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Full payment
- Partial payment
- No payment

**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Producer**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly

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**Payment on MMRV**

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**Data element name:** Payment on MMRV**Reporting question:** What portion of the financial incentive is provided to the producer upon completing MMRV requirements?

**Description:** Any incentive payment provided to the producer upon completing the annual MMRV requirements included in the contract. Full payment means the full incentive amount for any contract held by the producer is paid upon MMRV being complete. Partial payment means that only part of the full incentive amount for any contract held by the producer is paid upon MMRV being complete. No payment means that none of the full incentive amount for any contract held by the producer is paid upon MMRV being complete.

**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Full payment
- Partial payment
- No payment

**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Producer**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly

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**Payment on sale**

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**Data element name:** Payment on sale**Reporting question:** What portion of the financial incentive is provided to producer upon sale of the commodity?

**Description:** Any incentive payment provided to the producer upon sale of the commodity included in the contract. Full payment means the full incentive amount for any contract held by the producer is paid upon sale. Partial payment means that only part of the full incentive amount for any contract held by the producer is paid upon sale. No payment means that none of the full incentive amount for any contract held by the producer is paid upon sale.

**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Full payment
- Partial payment
- No payment

**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Producer**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly

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Field Summary**Unique IDs**

Farm ID	Unique Farm ID assigned by FSA
Tract ID	Unique Tract ID assigned by FSA
Field ID	Unique Field ID assigned by FSA
State or territory of field	State name (must match FSA farm enrollment data)
County of field	County name (must match FSA farm enrollment data)

**Commodity type**

**Data element name:** Commodity type **Reporting question:** What type of commodity is produced from this field?

**Description:** Type of commodity produced in field enrolled in the project. See full list in Appendix B. The worksheet provides multiple columns with a drop-down list of the allowed values. Choose one value for each column. Leave unnecessary columns blank.

**Data type:** List

**Select multiple values:** No

**Measurement unit:** Category

**Allowed values:** FSA commodity list

**Logic:** None – all respond

**Required:** Yes

**Data collection level:** Field

**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly

**Practice type**

**Data element name:** Field practice type 1-7 **Reporting question:** What CSAF practice is being implemented in this field through the project?

**Description:** Which climate-smart agriculture or forestry (CSAF) practice or practices are being implemented in this project? CSAF practices are included in a list in Appendix A. The worksheet provides seven columns for this data element. Enter one value for each column. If there are fewer than 7 practices being implemented on this field through enrollment in the project, leave unnecessary columns blank.

**Data type:** List

**Select multiple values:** No

**Measurement unit:** Category

**Allowed values:** See list in Appendix A

**Logic:** None – all respond

**Required:** Yes

**Data collection level:** Field

**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly

**Date practice complete**

**Data element name:** Date practice complete **Reporting question:** When did the project certify CSAF practice implementation as complete?

**Description:** Date that the project certifies that implementation of the CSAF practice is complete on the field. Use January of the year prior to contract year for early adopters, defined as fields that have the practice actively implemented in the year prior to a contract associated with this project is signed). The worksheet provides seven columns for this data element. Enter one value for each column, corresponding to the practice types entered in the previous columns. If there are fewer than 7 practices being implemented on this field through enrollment in the project, leave unnecessary columns blank.

**Data type:** Date

**Select multiple values:** No

**Measurement unit:** MM/DD/YYYY

**Allowed values:** 01/01/2023 – 12/31/2030

**Logic:** None – all respond

**Required:** Yes

**Data collection level:** Field

**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly

**Contract end date****Data element name:** Contract end date**Reporting question:** Contract end date**Description:** End date listed on the contract that enrolls the field in the project. If contract end date changes, submit updated end date during the next quarter's reporting.**Data type:** Date**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** MM/DD/YYYY**Allowed values:** 01/01/2023 – 12/31/2030**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly**MMRV assistance provided****Data element name:** MMRV assistance provided**Reporting question:** Was MMRV assistance provided?**Description:** Was any MMRV assistance provided to the primary operator for this field? MMRV assistance includes in-field support for the use of technologies, consultation on data collection and input, and other support related to MMRV. MMRV is defined a measurement (calculations or estimations of GHG emissions), monitoring (ongoing review and confirmation that the climate-smart practice has been implemented according to the agreed upon standard and documentation of any changes in the site, implementation, or GHG emissions impacts over time), reporting (documenting and sharing monitoring and measurement results with project partners, the recipient, and any third-party verification organization), and verification (independent confirmation that measurement, monitoring and reporting information are complete, accurate and reliable).**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly**Marketing assistance provided****Data element name:** Marketing assistance provided**Reporting question:** Was marketing assistance provided?**Description:** Was any marketing assistance provided to the primary operator for the commodity(ies) produced from this field? Marketing assistance includes guaranteeing the sale of the commodity(ies), providing a platform for the sale of the commodity(ies), providing a label, branding, or other support related to marketing.**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly**Incentive per acre or head****Data element name:** Incentive per acre or head**Reporting question:** Is this field receiving a per-acre or per-head incentive?**Description:** Is this field receiving an incentive payment to implement a specific CSAF practice or set of practices on a per-acre or per-head (livestock) basis?**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly





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**Field commodity value**

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<b>Data element name:</b> Field commodity value	<b>Reporting question:</b> What is the value of the commodity produced on the enrolled field?
<b>Description:</b> The dollar value of the commodity produced on the enrolled field.	
<b>Data type:</b> Decimal	<b>Select multiple values:</b> No
<b>Measurement unit:</b> Dollars	<b>Allowed values:</b> \$1-\$10,000,000
<b>Logic:</b> None – all respond	<b>Required:</b> Yes
<b>Data collection level:</b> Field	<b>Data collection frequency:</b> Quarterly

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**Field commodity volume**

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<b>Data element name:</b> Field commodity volume	<b>Reporting question:</b> What is the volume of commodity produced on the enrolled field?
<b>Description:</b> The volume of the commodity produced on the enrolled field	
<b>Data type:</b> Decimal	<b>Select multiple values:</b> No
<b>Measurement unit:</b> Number	<b>Allowed values:</b> 1-10,000,000
<b>Logic:</b> None – all respond	<b>Required:</b> Yes
<b>Data collection level:</b> Field	<b>Data collection frequency:</b> Quarterly

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**Field commodity volume unit**

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<b>Data element name:</b> Field commodity volume unit	<b>Reporting question:</b> What is the unit of volume?
<b>Description:</b> The unit associated with the volume of the commodity produced on the enrolled field. If “other” is chosen, enter the appropriate value in the additional column.	
<b>Data type:</b> List	<b>Select multiple values:</b> No
<b>Measurement unit:</b> Category	<b>Allowed values:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bushels</li><li>• Carcass weight pounds</li><li>• Gallons</li><li>• Head</li><li>• Linear feet</li><li>• Liveweight pounds</li><li>• Pounds</li><li>• Tons</li><li>• Other (specify)</li></ul>
<b>Logic:</b> None – all respond	<b>Required:</b> Yes
<b>Data collection level:</b> Field	<b>Data collection frequency:</b> Quarterly

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**Cost of implementation**

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<b>Data element name:</b> Cost of implementation	<b>Reporting question:</b> What is the cost of practice implementation in the field?
<b>Description:</b> Total annual estimated cost per unit of implementing the practice(s) in the enrolled field.	
<b>Data type:</b> Decimal	<b>Select multiple values:</b> No
<b>Measurement unit:</b> Dollars	<b>Allowed values:</b> \$1-\$10,000,000
<b>Logic:</b> None – all respond	<b>Required:</b> Yes
<b>Data collection level:</b> Field	<b>Data collection frequency:</b> Quarterly

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**Cost unit****Data element name:** Cost unit**Reporting question:** What is the unit for cost?**Description:** The unit associated with the cost of implementing CSAF practices in the field. If "other" is chosen, enter the appropriate value in the additional column.**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Per acre
- Per bushel
- Per head
- Per linear foot
- Per pound
- Per ton
- Other (specify)

**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly**Cost coverage****Data element name:** Cost coverage**Reporting question:** What percent of the practice cost is covered by the incentive?**Description:** Estimated proportion of total annual cost of implementing the practice(s) that is covered by project incentives.**Data type:** Integer**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Percent**Allowed values:** 0-100**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly**Field GHG monitoring****Data element name:** Field GHG monitoring 1-3**Reporting question:** How were GHG impacts monitored in this field?**Description:** Up to the top three forms of monitoring GHG benefits as part of MMRV requirements. Monitoring is defined as ongoing review and confirmation that the climate-smart practice has been implemented according to the agreed upon standard and documentation of any changes in the site, implementation, or GHG emissions impacts over time. Include up to 3 methods, based on which methods are most commonly used for this field. The worksheet provides three columns with a drop-down list of the allowed values. Choose one value for each column. If fewer than 3 GHG monitoring methods are used, leave unnecessary columns blank. If "other" is chosen, use the additional column to enter other GHG monitoring methods as free text.**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Drones
- Ground-level photos and videos
- On-farm inspection
- Plot-based sampling (e.g., soil, water)
- Producer records or attestation
- Satellite monitoring or remote sensing
- Soil metagenomics
- Soil sensors
- Water sensors
- Other (specify)

**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly



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**Field GHG reporting**

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**Data element name:** Field GHG reporting 1-3**Reporting question:** How were GHG benefits reported for this field?

**Description:** Up to the top three forms of reporting on GHG benefits as part of MMRV requirements. Reporting is defined as documenting and sharing monitoring and measurement results with project partners, the recipient, and any third-party verification organization. Include up to 3 methods, based on which methods are most commonly used for this field. The worksheet provides three columns with a drop-down list of the allowed values. Choose one value for each column. If fewer than 3 GHG reporting methods are used, leave unnecessary columns blank. If "other" is chosen, use the additional column to enter other GHG reporting methods as free text.

**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Automated devices
- Email
- Mobile app
- Paper
- Third-party actors
- Website
- Other (specify)

**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly

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**Field GHG verification**

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**Data element name:** Field GHG verification 1-3**Reporting question:** How was implementation of practices to reduce GHG emissions verified for this field?

**Description:** Up to the top three of verification of GHG benefits as part of MMRV requirements. Verification is defined as independent confirmation that measurement, monitoring and reporting information are complete, accurate and reliable. Include up to 3 methods, based on which methods are most commonly used for this field. The worksheet provides three columns with a drop-down list of the allowed values. Choose one value for each column. If fewer than 3 GHG verification methods are used, leave unnecessary columns blank. If "other" is chosen, use the additional column to enter other GHG verification methods as free text.

**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Artificial intelligence
- Computer modeling
- Recipient audit
- Photos
- Record audit
- Satellite imagery
- Site or field visit
- Third-party audit
- Other (specify)

**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly

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**Field GHG calculations****Data element name:** Field GHG calculations**Reporting question:** What methods are used to calculate GHG benefits in this field?**Description:** List the method(s) used to calculate GHG benefits in this field. If yes to direct physical measurements, submit result reports (see *Supplemental Data Submission – Field direct GHG measurement results*).**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Models
- Direct field measurements
- Both

**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly**Field official GHG calculation****Data element name:** Field official GHG calculation**Reporting question:** What method was used to calculate the official GHG benefits in this field?**Description:** List the method used to calculate the official GHG benefits in this field that are reported as part of the project's aggregate impact.**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Models
- Direct field measurements

**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly**Field official GHG ER****Data element name:** Field official GHG emission reductions**Reporting question:** What are the estimated total GHG emission reductions (CO<sub>2</sub>eq) in this field?**Description:** Estimated greenhouse gas emission reductions from practice implementation in this field that are reported as part of the project's aggregate impact. This data element must be entered upon practice completion or annually, as appropriate.**Data type:** Decimal**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Metric tons CO<sub>2</sub>eq**Allowed values:** 0-10,000,000**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly**Field official carbon stock****Data element name:** Field official carbon stock**Reporting question:** How much carbon has been sequestered in this field?**Description:** Estimated total change in carbon stock based on practice implementation in this field. This data element can be reported in any quarter and is cumulative for the year. Conversion rate is one ton of carbon = 3.67 tons of CO<sub>2</sub>eq.**Data type:** Decimal**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Metric tons CO<sub>2</sub>eq**Allowed values:** 0-10,000,000**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly



**Field official CO2 ER****Data element name:** Field official CO2 emission reductions**Reporting question:** What are the estimated total CO2 emission reductions in this field?**Description:** Estimated total carbon dioxide emission reductions based on practice implementation in this field that are reported as part of the project's aggregate impact. This data element must be entered upon practice completion or annually, as appropriate.**Data type:** Decimal**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Metric tons CO<sub>2</sub>**Allowed values:** 0-10,000,000**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly**Field official CH4 ER****Data element name:** Field official CH4 emission reductions**Reporting question:** What are the estimated total CH4 emission reductions in this field?**Description:** Estimated total methane emission reductions based on practice implementation in this field that are reported as part of the project's aggregate impact. This data element must be entered upon practice completion or annually, as appropriate. Conversion rate is one ton of CH<sub>4</sub> = 25 tons of CO<sub>2</sub>eq.**Data type:** Decimal**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Metric tons CH4 reduced in CO<sub>2</sub>eq**Allowed values:** 0-10,000,000**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly**Field official N2O ER****Data element name:** Field official N2O emission reductions**Reporting question:** What are the estimated total N2O emission reductions in this field?**Description:** Estimated total nitrous oxide emission reductions based on practice implementation in this field that are reported as part of the project's aggregate impact. This data element must be entered upon practice completion or annually, as appropriate. Conversion rate is one ton of N<sub>2</sub>O = 298 tons of CO<sub>2</sub>eq.**Data type:** Decimal**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Metric tons N2O reduced in CO<sub>2</sub>eq**Allowed values:** 0-10,000,000**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly**Field offsets produced****Data element name:** Field offsets produced**Reporting question:** How many carbon offsets have been produced in this field?**Description:** Total carbon offsets produced in the field during the quarter (not cumulative). Offsets are defined as having been verified and certified using an accepted standard and sold into the carbon marketplace.**Data type:** Decimal**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Metric tons CO<sub>2</sub>eq**Allowed values:** 0-10,000,000**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly



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**Field insets produced**

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**Data element name:** Field insets produced      **Reporting question:** How many carbon insets have been produced in this field?

**Description:** Total carbon insets produced in the field during the quarter (not cumulative). Insets are defined as having been verified and certified using an accepted standard and accounted for within Scope 3 emissions for a firm.

**Data type:** Decimal

**Select multiple values:** No

**Measurement unit:** Metric tons CO<sub>2</sub>eq

**Allowed values:** 0-10,000,000

**Logic:** None – all respond

**Required:** Yes

**Data collection level:** Field

**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly

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**Other field measurement**

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**Data element name:** Other field measurement      **Reporting question:** Were data collected from the field for reasons other than GHG benefit estimation?

**Description:** Direct physical measurements or data collection taken in the field for any reason other than GHG benefits estimation. These reasons could include calibration of GHG estimation tools or models, tracking other environmental benefits (see Field environmental benefits report), and other reasons. If yes, submit corresponding reports (see *Supplemental data submission - Field direct measurement results*).

**Data type:** List

**Select multiple values:** No

**Measurement unit:** Category

**Allowed values:**

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

**Logic:** None – all respond

**Required:** Yes

**Data collection level:** Field

**Data collection frequency:** Quarterly

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GHG Benefits - Alternate Modeled**Unique IDs**

Farm ID	Unique Farm ID assigned by FSA
Tract ID	Unique Tract ID assigned by FSA
Field ID	Unique Field ID assigned by FSA
State or territory of field	State name (must match FSA farm enrollment data)
County of field	County name (must match FSA farm enrollment data)

**Commodity type****Data element name:** Commodity type 1-6**Reporting question:** What type of commodity(ies) is produced from this field?**Description:** Type of commodity(ies) produced in field enrolled in the project. See full list of commodity options in Appendix B. The worksheet provides multiple columns with drop-down lists of the allowed values. Choose one value for each column. Leave unnecessary columns blank**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:** FSA commodity list**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** If project calculates GHG benefits using multiple methods**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Annual**Practice type****Data element name:** Practice type 1-7**Reporting question:** What CSAF practice is being implemented by this project?**Description:** Which CSAF practice or practices are being implemented in this project? CSAF practices are included in a list in Appendix A. The worksheet provides seven columns for this data element. Enter one value for each column. If there are fewer than 7 practices being implemented by the project, leave unnecessary columns blank.**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:** See list in Appendix A**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** If project calculates GHG benefits using multiple methods**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Annual



**GHG model****Data element name:** GHG model **Reporting question:** What model was used for alternate calculation of GHG benefits?**Description:** Select the model used for the alternate calculation of the field's GHG benefits.**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- ACC Calculator
- Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use (AFOLU) Carbon Calculator
- AIRES
- APEX
- Bowen Ratio Energy Balance
- Carat-Calculator
- CArPE
- CDFA web-based calculator
- COMET-Farm
- COMET-Planner
- CoolFarm
- Cover Crop Explore
- CropTrak
- CultivateAI's FMIS
- DayCent-CR
- DNDC
- DSSAT
- Earth Optics
- EcoPractices
- EPIC
- Extrapolation based on literature
- FieldPrint
- Granular
- GREET
- gTIR
- IFSM
- IPCC default emissions factors & models
- itree
- Nitrogen Balance
- Nutrient Tracking Tool (NTT)
- RCD Project Tracker
- Revised Universal Soil Loss equation 2 (RUSLE2)
- RuFaS
- SAFE-Link
- SALUS (CIBO)
- SNAPGRAZE
- SquareRoots
- SWAT-C
- SYMFONI
- Truterra Sustainability Tool
- Verra
- WEPP
- YardStick
- Other (specify)

**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** If project calculates GHG benefits using multiple methods**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Annual

**Model start date****Data element name:** Model start date**Reporting question:** For what time period are the GHG benefits modeled (model start date)?**Description:** Date that the model parameters begin.**Data type:** Date**Select multiple values:** NA**Measurement unit:** MM/DD/YYYY**Allowed values:** 01/01/1950 – 12/31/2030**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** If project calculates GHG benefits using multiple methods**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Annual**Model end date****Data element name:** Model end date**Reporting question:** For what time period are the GHG benefits modeled (model end date)?**Description:** Date that the model parameters end.**Data type:** Date**Select multiple values:** NA**Measurement unit:** MM/DD/YYYY**Allowed values:** 01/01/2023– 12/31/2030**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** If project calculates GHG benefits using multiple methods**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Annual**Total GHG benefits estimated****Data element name:** Total GHG benefits estimated**Reporting question:** What is the alternate estimate of the field's total GHG emission reductions?**Description:** Total greenhouse gas emission reductions from practice implementation in the field estimated using an alternate model.**Data type:** Decimal**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Metric tons CO<sub>2</sub>eq**Allowed values:** 0-10,000,000**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** If project calculates GHG benefits using multiple methods**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Annual**Total carbon stock estimated****Data element name:** Total carbon stock estimated**Reporting question:** What is the alternate estimate of how much carbon has the field has sequestered?**Description:** Total change in carbon stock based on practice implementation in the field estimated using an alternate model. Conversion rate is one ton of carbon = 3.67 tons of CO<sub>2</sub>eq.**Data type:** Decimal**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Metric tons CO<sub>2</sub>eq**Allowed values:** 0-10,000,000**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** If project calculates GHG benefits using multiple methods**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Annual**Total CO<sub>2</sub> estimated****Data element name:** Total CO<sub>2</sub> estimated**Reporting question:** What is the alternate estimate of the field's total CO<sub>2</sub> emission reductions?**Description:** Total carbon dioxide emission reductions based on practice implementation in the field estimated using an alternate model.**Data type:** Decimal**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Metric tons CO<sub>2</sub>**Allowed values:** 0-10,000,000**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** If project calculates GHG benefits using multiple methods**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Annual



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**Total CH4 estimated**

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**Data element name:** Total CH4 estimated**Reporting question:** What is the alternate estimate of the field's total CH4 emission reductions?**Description:** Total methane emission reductions based on practice implementation in the field estimated using an alternate model. Conversion rate is one ton of CH<sub>4</sub> = 25 tons of CO<sub>2</sub>eq.**Data type:** Decimal**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Metric tons CH4 reduced in CO<sub>2</sub>eq**Allowed values:** 0-10,000,000**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** If project calculates GHG benefits using multiple methods**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Annual

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**Total field N2O estimated**

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**Data element name:** Total N2O estimated**Reporting question:** What is the alternate estimate of the field's total N2O emission reductions?**Description:** Total nitrous oxide emission reductions based on practice implementation in the field estimated using an alternate method. Conversion rate is one ton of N<sub>2</sub>O = 298 tons of CO<sub>2</sub>eq.**Data type:** Decimal**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Metric tons N2O reduced in CO<sub>2</sub>eq**Allowed values:** 0-10,000,000**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** If project calculates GHG benefits using multiple methods**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Annual

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GHG Benefits - Measured**Unique IDs**

Farm ID	Unique Farm ID assigned by FSA
Tract ID	Unique Tract ID assigned by FSA
Field ID	Unique Field ID assigned by FSA
State or territory of field	State name (must match FSA farm enrollment data)
County of field	County name (must match FSA farm enrollment data)

**GHG measurement method****Data element name:** GHG measurement method**Reporting question:** What measurement method is used to calculate GHG benefits?**Description:** Field-based measurement method used to calculate GHG benefits. If “other” is chosen, enter the appropriate value as free text in the additional column.**Data type:** List**Measurement unit:** Category**Select multiple values:** No**Allowed values:**

- Emissions measurement unit
- Flux towers
- Litterbags
- Plant measurements
- Portable emissions analyzers
- Soil flux chambers
- Soil samples
- Soil sensors
- Vehicle-mounted sensors
- Other (specify)

**Required:** If a project conducts soil samples or takes carbon stock or greenhouse gas emission measurements in this field**Logic:** None – all respond**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Annual**Lab name****Data element name:** Lab name**Reporting question:** What is the name of the lab that processed the measurement samples?**Description:** Name of entity that received data and conducted analysis of samples.**Data type:** Text**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** NA**Allowed values:** Free text**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** If applicable**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Annual

**Measurement start date****Data element name:** Measurement start date**Reporting question:** On what date did the measurement start?**Description:** Date that the measurements began. If it was a single point in time, use the same date for start date and end date. If multiple measurements took place over a time period, use the date that the measurements first began.**Data type:** Date**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** MM/DD/YYYY**Allowed values:** 01/01/2023 – 12/31/2030**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** If a project conducts soil samples or takes carbon stock or greenhouse gas emission measurements in this field**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Annual**Measurement end date****Data element name:** Measurement end date**Reporting question:** On what date did the measurement end?**Description:** Date that the measurements began. If it was a single point in time, use the same date for start date and end date. If multiple measurements took place over a time period, use the date that the measurements were completed.**Data type:** Date**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** MM/DD/YYYY**Allowed values:** 01/01/2023– 12/31/2030**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** If a project conducts soil samples or takes carbon stock or greenhouse gas emission measurements in this field**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Annual**Total CO2 reduction calculated****Data element name:** Total CO2 reduction calculated**Reporting question:** What are the total measured CO2 emission reductions?**Description:** Total annual CO2 emission reductions based on practice implementation in the field calculated from in-field measurements.**Data type:** Decimal**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Metric tons CO<sub>2</sub>**Allowed values:** 0-10,000,000**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** If a project takes carbon stock or greenhouse gas emission measurements in this field**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Annual**Total field carbon stock measured****Data element name:** Total field carbon stock measured**Reporting question:** What is the total amount of carbon sequestered based on repeat measurements in this field?**Description:** Change in carbon stock based on practice implementation in the field calculated from repeat soil sampling in this field. (Results for initial field soil samples should be reported in the 'Soil sample result' and 'Measurement type' columns.) Conversion rate is one ton of carbon = 3.67 tons of CO<sub>2</sub>eq.**Data type:** Decimal**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Metric tons CO<sub>2</sub>eq**Allowed values:** 0-10,000,000**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** If a project conducts soil samples or takes carbon stock measurements in this field**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Annual



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**Total CH4 reduction calculated**

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**Data element name:** Total CH4 reduction calculated**Reporting question:** What are the total measured CH4 emission reductions?**Description:** Total annual methane emission reductions based on practice implementation in the field calculated from in-field measurements. Conversion rate is one ton of CH<sub>4</sub> = 25 tons of CO<sub>2</sub>eq.**Data type:** Decimal**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Metric tons CH4 reduced in CO<sub>2</sub>eq**Allowed values:** 0-10,000,000**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** If a project conducts soil samples or takes carbon stock or greenhouse gas emission measurements in this field**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Annual

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**Total N2O reduction calculated**

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**Data element name:** Total N2O reduction calculated**Reporting question:** What are the total measured N2O emission reductions?**Description:** Total annual nitrous oxide emission reductions based on practice implementation in the field calculated from in-field measurements. Conversion rate is one ton of N<sub>2</sub>O = 298 tons of CO<sub>2</sub>eq.**Data type:** Decimal**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Metric tons N2O reduced in CO<sub>2</sub>eq**Allowed values:** 0-10,000,000**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** If a project conducts soil samples or takes carbon stock or greenhouse gas emission measurements in this field**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Annual

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**Soil sample result**

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**Data element name:** Soil sample result**Reporting question:** What is the numeric result from this soil sample?**Description:** Results of measurement(s) taken to determine the carbon stock of a soil (the tons of carbon found in a specified volume of soil).**Data type:** Decimal**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Amount**Allowed values:** .00001-100,000**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** If a project conducts soil samples in this field**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Annual

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**Soil sample result unit**

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**Data element name:** Soil sample result unit      **Reporting question:** What is unit for the soil sample result?**Description:** Unit for the corresponding soil sample result. The worksheet provides a drop-down list of choices for this data element. If "other" is chosen, use the additional column to enter the appropriate yield unit as free text.**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Percent
- Ppm
- Grams
- Grams per cubic centimeter
- Other (specify)

**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** If a project conducts soil samples in this field**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Annual

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**Measurement type**

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**Data element name:** Measurement type**Reporting question:** What type of analysis was conducted for this soil sample?**Description:** Type of soil analysis conducted. The worksheet provides a drop-down list of choices for this data element. If "other" is chosen, use the additional column to enter the appropriate yield unit as free text.**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Organic matter
- Total organic carbon
- Bulk density
- Other (specify)

**Logic:** None – all respond**Required:** If a project conducts soil samples in this field**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Annual

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Additional Environmental Benefits**Unique IDs**

Farm ID	Unique Farm ID assigned by FSA
Tract ID	Unique Tract ID assigned by FSA
Field ID	Unique Field ID assigned by FSA
State or territory of field	State name (must match FSA farm enrollment data)
County of field	County name (must match FSA farm enrollment data)

**Environmental benefits**

**Data element name:** Environmental benefits

**Reporting question:** Are environmental benefits other than GHGs being tracked in the field?

**Description:** Tracking of environmental benefits other than greenhouse gas emission reductions and carbon sequestration in the enrolled field. Tracking means at a minimum using some form of monitoring and reporting that can quantify benefits.

**Data type:** List

**Select multiple values:** No

**Measurement unit:** Category

**Allowed values:**

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

**Logic:** None – all respond

**Required:** Yes

**Data collection level:** Field

**Data collection frequency:** Annual

**Reduction in nitrogen loss**

**Data element name:** Reduction in nitrogen loss

**Reporting question:** Are reductions in nitrogen losses being tracked in the field?

**Description:** Tracking reductions in nitrogen losses in the enrolled field. Tracking means at a minimum using some form of monitoring and reporting that can quantify benefits.

**Data type:** List

**Select multiple values:** No

**Measurement unit:** Category

**Allowed values:**

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

**Logic:** Respond if yes to 'Environmental benefits'

**Required:** Yes

**Data collection level:** Field

**Data collection frequency:** Annual

**Reduction in nitrogen loss amount**

**Data element**

**name:** Reduction in nitrogen loss amount

**Reporting question:** How much reduction in nitrogen losses have been measured in the field?

**Description:** Total amount of reduction in nitrogen losses that is measured and reported in the enrolled field.

**Data type:** Decimal

**Select multiple values:** No

**Measurement unit:** Amount

**Allowed values:** 0-1,000,000

**Logic:** Respond if yes to 'Reduction in nitrogen loss'

**Required:** Yes

**Data collection level:** Field

**Data collection frequency:** Annual



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**Reduction in nitrogen loss amount unit**

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**Data element name:** Reduction in nitrogen loss amount unit**Reporting question:** What is the unit for how much reduction in nitrogen losses have been measured in the field?**Description:** Unit for the total amount of reduction in nitrogen losses that is measured and reported in the enrolled field. If "other" is chosen, enter the appropriate value as free text in the additional column.**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Kilograms
- Metric tons
- Pounds
- Other (specify)

**Required:** Yes**Logic:** Respond if yes to 'Reduction in nitrogen loss'**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Annual

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**Reduction in nitrogen loss purpose**

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**Data element name:** Reduction in nitrogen loss purpose**Reporting question:** What is the purpose of tracking reduction in nitrogen losses?**Description:** Purpose of tracking reduction in nitrogen losses in the enrolled field. If "other" is chosen, enter the appropriate value as free text in the additional column.**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Commodity marketing
- Producing insets
- Producing offsets
- I don't know
- Other (specify)

**Required:** Yes**Logic:** Respond if yes to 'Reduction in nitrogen loss'**Data collection level:** Project**Data collection frequency:** Annual

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**Reduction in phosphorus loss**

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**Data element name:** Reduction in phosphorus loss**Reporting question:** Are reductions in phosphorus losses being tracked in the field?**Description:** Tracking of reductions in phosphorus losses in the enrolled field. Tracking means at a minimum using some form of monitoring and reporting that can quantify benefits.**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

**Required:** Yes**Logic:** Respond if yes to 'Environmental benefits'**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Annual

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**Reduction in phosphorus loss amount**

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**Data element name:** Reduction in phosphorus loss amount**Reporting question:** How much reduction in phosphorus losses have been measured in the field?**Description:** Total amount of reduction in phosphorus losses that is measured in the field.**Data type:** Decimal**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Amount**Allowed values:** 0-1,000,000**Logic:** Respond if yes to 'Reduction in phosphorus loss'**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Annual

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**Reduction in phosphorus loss amount unit**

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**Data element name:** Reduction in phosphorus loss amount unit**Reporting question:** What is the unit for the reduction in phosphorus losses measured in the field?**Description:** Unit for the total amount of reduction in phosphorus losses that is measured in the enrolled field. If "other" is chosen, enter the appropriate value as free text in the additional column.**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Kilograms
- Metric tons
- Pounds
- Other (specify)

**Logic:** Respond if yes to 'Reduction in phosphorus loss'**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Annual

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**Reduction in phosphorus loss purpose**

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**Data element name:** Reduction in phosphorus loss purpose**Reporting question:** What is the purpose of tracking reductions in phosphorus losses?**Description:** Purpose of tracking reduction in phosphorus losses in the enrolled field. If "other" is chosen, enter the appropriate value as free text in the additional column.**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Commodity marketing
- Producing insets
- Producing offsets
- I don't know
- Other (specify)

**Logic:** Respond if yes to 'Reduction in phosphorus loss'**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Annual

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**Other water quality**

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**Data element name:** Other water quality**Reporting question:** Are other water quality metrics being tracked in the field?**Description:** Project tracking of other water quality metrics in the enrolled field. Tracking means at a minimum using some form of monitoring and reporting that can quantify benefits.**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

**Logic:** Respond if yes to 'Environmental benefits'**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Annual

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**Other water quality type**

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**Data element name:** Other water quality type**Reporting question:** What type of other water quality metric have been measured in the field?**Description:** Type of other water quality metric (besides nitrogen loss and phosphorus loss reductions) that is measured in the field. If "other" is chosen, enter the appropriate value as free text in the additional column.**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Sediment load reduction
- Temperature
- Other (specify)

**Logic:** Respond if yes to 'Other water quality'**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Annual

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**Other water quality amount**

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**Data element name:** Other water quality amount**Reporting question:** How much reduction in other water quality metrics have been measured in the field?**Description:** Total amount of reduction in other water quality metrics that is measured in the enrolled field.**Data type:** Decimal**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Amount**Allowed values:** 0-1,000,000**Logic:** Respond if yes to 'Other water quality'**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Annual

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**Other water quality amount unit**

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**Data element name:** Other water quality amount unit**Reporting question:** What is the unit for the reduction in other water quality metrics measured in the field?**Description:** Unit for the total amount of reduction in other water quality metrics that is measured in the enrolled field. If "other" is chosen, enter the appropriate value as free text in the additional column.**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Degrees F
- Kilograms
- Kilograms per liter
- Metric tons
- Pounds
- Other (specify)

**Logic:** Respond if yes to 'Other water quality'**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Annual

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**Other water quality purpose**

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**Data element name:** Other water quality purpose**Description:** Purpose of tracking other water quality benefits in the enrolled field. If "other" is chosen, enter the appropriate value as free text in the additional column.**Data type:** List**Measurement unit:** Category**Reporting question:** What is the purpose of tracking other water quality benefits?**Select multiple values:** No**Allowed values:**

- Commodity marketing
- Producing insets
- Producing offsets
- I don't know
- Other (specify)

**Required:** Yes**Logic:** Respond if yes to 'Other water quality'**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Annual

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**Water quantity**

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**Data element name:** Water quantity**Reporting question:** Is water conservation being tracked in the field?**Description:** Tracking of water conservation or reduction in use in the enrolled field. Tracking means at a minimum using some form of monitoring and reporting that can quantify benefits.**Data type:** List**Measurement unit:** Category**Select multiple values:** No**Allowed values:**

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

**Required:** Yes**Logic:** Respond if yes to 'Environmental benefits'**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Annual

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**Water quantity amount**

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**Data element name:** Water quantity amount**Reporting question:** How much water conservation has been measured in the field?**Description:** Total amount of water conservation or reduction that is measured in the field.**Data type:** Decimal**Measurement unit:** Amount**Select multiple values:** No**Allowed values:** 0-1,000,000**Logic:** Respond if yes to 'Water quantity'**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Annual

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**Water quantity amount unit**

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**Data element name:** Water quantity amount unit**Reporting question:** What is the unit for the amount of water conservation measured in the field?**Description:** Unit for the total amount of water conservation or reduced use that is measured and reported in the enrolled field. If "other" is chosen, enter the appropriate value as free text in the additional column.**Data type:** List**Measurement unit:** Category**Select multiple values:** No**Allowed values:**

- Acre-feet
- Cubic feet
- Other (specify)

**Required:** Yes**Logic:** Respond if yes to 'Water quantity'**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Annual

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**Water quantity purpose****Data element name:** Water quantity purpose**Description:** Purpose of tracking water conservation or reductions in water use in the enrolled field. If "other" is chosen, enter the appropriate value as free text in the additional column.**Data type:** List**Measurement unit:** Category**Reporting question:** What is the purpose of tracking water conservation?**Select multiple values:** No**Allowed values:**

- Commodity marketing
- Producing insets
- Producing offsets
- I don't know
- Other (specify)

**Logic:** Respond if yes to 'Water quantity'**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Annual**Reduced erosion****Data element name:** Reduced erosion**Reporting question:** Is reduced soil erosion being tracked in the field?**Description:** Tracking of reduced soil erosion in the enrolled field. Tracking means at a minimum using some form of monitoring and reporting that can quantify benefits.**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

**Logic:** Respond if yes to 'Environmental benefits'**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Annual**Reduced erosion amount****Data element name:** Reduced erosion amount**Reporting question:** How much erosion reduction has been measured in the field?**Description:** Total amount of erosion reduction that is measured in the enrolled field.**Data type:** Decimal**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Amount**Allowed values:** 0-1,000,000**Logic:** Respond if yes to 'Reduced erosion'**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Annual**Reduced erosion amount unit****Data element name:** Reduced erosion unit**Reporting question:** What is the unit for the amount of erosion reduction measured?**Description:** Unit for the total amount of erosion reduction from enrolled fields that is measured and reported by the project. If "other" is chosen, enter the appropriate value as free text in the additional column.**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Tons
- Other (specify)

**Logic:** Respond if yes to 'Reduced erosion'**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Annual



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**Reduced erosion purpose**

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**Data element name:** Reduced erosion purpose**Description:** Purpose of tracking reduced erosion the enrolled field. If "other" is chosen, enter the appropriate value as free text in the additional column.**Data type:** List**Measurement unit:** Category**Reporting question:** What is the purpose of tracking reduced erosion in the field?**Select multiple values:** No**Allowed values:**

- Commodity marketing
- Producing insets
- Producing offsets
- I don't know
- Other (specify)

**Logic:** Respond if yes to 'Reduced erosion'**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Annual

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**Reduced energy use**

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**Data element name:** Reduced energy use**Reporting question:** Is reduced energy use being tracked in the field?**Description:** Tracking of reduced energy use in the enrolled field. Tracking means at a minimum using some form of monitoring and reporting that can quantify benefits.**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

**Logic:** Respond if yes to 'Environmental benefits'**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Annual

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**Reduced energy use amount**

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**Data element name:** Reduced energy use amount**Reporting question:** How much energy use reduction has been measured in the field?**Description:** Total amount of energy use reduction that is measured in the enrolled field.**Data type:** Decimal**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Amount**Allowed values:** 0-1,000,000**Logic:** Respond if yes to 'Reduced energy use'**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Annual

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**Reduced energy use amount unit**

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**Data element name:** Reduced energy use unit**Reporting question:** What is the unit for the energy use reduction measured in the field?**Description:** Unit for the total amount of energy use reduction that is measured in the enrolled field. If "other" is chosen, enter the appropriate value as free text in the additional column.**Data type:** List**Select multiple values:** No**Measurement unit:** Category**Allowed values:**

- Kilowatt hours
- Other (specify)

**Logic:** Respond if yes to 'Reduced energy use'**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Annual

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**Reduced energy use purpose**

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**Data element name:** Reduced energy use purpose**Description:** Purpose of tracking reduced energy use in the enrolled field. If "other" is chosen, enter the appropriate value as free text in the additional column.**Data type:** List**Measurement unit:** Category**Reporting question:** What is the purpose of tracking reduced energy use in the field?**Select multiple values:** No**Allowed values:**

- Commodity marketing
- Producing insets
- Producing offsets
- I don't know
- Other (specify)

**Required:** Yes**Logic:** Respond if yes to 'Reduced energy use'**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Annual

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**Avoided land conversion**

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**Data element name:** Avoided land conversion**Description:** Tracking of avoided land conversion in the enrolled field. Tracking means at a minimum using some form of monitoring and reporting that can quantify benefits. Land conservation means land use changing from agricultural uses to non-agricultural uses.**Data type:** List**Measurement unit:** Category**Reporting question:** Is avoided land conversion being tracked in the field?**Select multiple values:** No**Allowed values:**

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

**Required:** Yes**Logic:** Respond if yes to 'Environmental benefits'**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Annual

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**Avoided land conversion amount**

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**Data element name:** Avoided land conversion amount**Description:** Total amount of avoided land conversion that is measured in the enrolled field.**Data type:** Decimal**Measurement unit:** Amount**Reporting question:** How much avoided land conversion has been measured in the field?**Select multiple values:** No**Allowed values:** 0-1,000,000**Logic:** Respond if yes to 'Avoided land conversion'**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Annual

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**Avoided land conversion amount unit**

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**Data element name:** Avoided land conversion unit**Description:** Unit for the total amount of avoided land conversion that is measured in the enrolled field. If "other" is chosen, enter the appropriate value as free text in the additional column.**Data type:** List**Measurement unit:** Category**Reporting question:** What is the unit for the amount of avoided land conversion measured in the field?**Select multiple values:** No**Allowed values:**

- Acres
- Other (specify)

**Required:** Yes**Logic:** Respond if yes to 'Avoided land conversion'**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Annual

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**Avoided land conversion purpose**

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**Data element name:** Avoided land conversion purpose**Description:** Purpose of tracking avoided land conversion in the enrolled field. If "other" is chosen, enter the appropriate value as free text in the additional column.**Data type:** List**Measurement unit:** Category**Reporting question:** What is the purpose of tracking avoided land conversion in the field?**Select multiple values:** No**Allowed values:**

- Commodity marketing
- Producing insets
- Producing offsets
- I don't know
- Other (specify)

**Required:** Yes**Logic:** Respond if yes to 'Avoided land conversion'**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Annual

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**Improved wildlife habitat**

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**Data element name:** Improved wildlife habitat**Description:** Tracking of improvements to wildlife in and around the enrolled field. Tracking means at a minimum using some form of monitoring and reporting that can quantify benefits.**Data type:** List**Measurement unit:** Category**Reporting question:** Are improvements to wildlife habitat being tracked in the field?**Select multiple values:** No**Allowed values:**

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

**Required:** Yes**Logic:** Respond if yes to 'Environmental benefits'**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Annual

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**Improved wildlife habitat amount**

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**Data element name:** Improved wildlife habitat amount**Description:** Total amount of improved wildlife habitat that is measured in and around the enrolled fields.**Data type:** Decimal**Measurement unit:** Amount**Reporting question:** How much improved wildlife habitat has been measured in the field?**Select multiple values:** No**Allowed values:** 0-1,000,000**Logic:** Respond if yes to 'Improved wildlife habitat'**Required:** Yes**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Annual

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**Improved wildlife habitat amount unit**

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**Data element name:** Improved wildlife habitat unit**Description:** Unit for the total amount of improved wildlife habitat that is measured in and around enrolled fields. If "other" is chosen, enter the appropriate value as free text in the additional column.**Data type:** List**Measurement unit:** Category**Reporting question:** What is the unit for the amount of improved wildlife habitat measured in the field?**Select multiple values:** No**Allowed values:**

- Acres
- Linear feet
- Other (specify)

**Required:** Yes**Logic:** Respond if yes to 'Improved wildlife habitat'**Data collection level:** Field**Data collection frequency:** Annual

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**Improved wildlife habitat purpose**

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**Data element name:** Improved wildlife habitat purpose

**Description:** Purpose of tracking improved wildlife habitat in the enrolled field. If “other” is chosen, enter the appropriate value as free text in the additional column.

**Data type:** List

**Measurement unit:** Category

**Reporting question:** What is the purpose of tracking improved wildlife habitat in the field?

**Select multiple values:** No

**Allowed values:**

- Commodity marketing
- Producing insets
- Producing offsets
- I don’t know
- Other (specify)

**Logic:** Respond if yes to ‘Improved wildlife habitat’

**Required:** Yes

**Data collection level:** Field

**Data collection frequency:** Annual

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CSAF Practice Sub-questions

For some CSAF practices, there is an additional set of questions that are unique to each practice. Responses to these questions are needed to verify estimated GHG benefits of these practices. If a field is implementing a CSAF practice with an NRCS CPS code in Table 11, answer the follow-up questions listed next to the relevant practice name in the table. Use the *Supplemental Reporting Workbook – CSAF Practice Sub-questions* to report the required information.

Table 11. Follow-on questions for select CSAF practices

Practice name and code	Follow-up question	Options (select one)
Alley Cropping (CPS 311)	Species category (select most common/extensive type if using more than one)	Coniferous trees Deciduous trees Shrubs
	Species density (number of trees planted per acre)	1-10,000
Anaerobic Digester (CPS 366)	Waste storage system prior to installing anaerobic digester	Aerobic lagoon Anaerobic digester (complex mix) with energy generation Anaerobic digester (plug flow) with energy generation Anaerobic lagoon Composting Covered lagoon (no energy generation or flaring) Covered lagoon with energy generation Covered lagoon with flaring Daily spread Deep bedding pack Deep pit Dry lot Dry stacking/solid storage Pasture/range/paddock Poultry with bedding Poultry without bedding (e.g., high rise) Slurry tank/basin
	Digester type	Covered lagoon with energy generation Covered lagoon with flaring Covered lagoon (no energy generation or flaring) Complex mix with energy generation Plug flow with energy generation Other (specify)
	Additional feedstock source (select most common if using more than one)	Food waste Straw or bedding Wastewater Other (specify)





Combustion System Improvement (CPS 372)	Fuel type before installation	Coal
		Diesel
	Fuel type after installation	Electricity
		Gasoline
		Kerosene
		Liquified petroleum gas (LPG)
		Natural gas
		Propane
		Wood
		Other (specify)
	Fuel amount before installation	0-1,000,000
Conservation Cover (CPS 327)	Fuel amount unit before installation	Cubic feet (natural gas)
		Gallons (diesel, gasoline, propane, LPG, kerosene)
	Fuel amount unit after installation	Kilowatt-hours (electricity)
		Pounds (wood, coal)
		Other (specify)
		Coal
		Diesel
		Electricity
		Gasoline
		Kerosene
		Liquified petroleum gas (LPG)
		Natural gas
	Fuel amount after installation	Propane
		Wood
		Other (specify)
	Fuel amount unit after installation	0-1,000,000
	Species category (select most common/extensive type if using more than one)	Cubic feet (natural gas)
		Gallons (diesel, gasoline, propane, LPG, kerosene)
	Species category (select most common/extensive type if using more than one)	Kilowatt-hours (electricity)
		Pounds (wood, coal)
		Other (specify)
		Brassicas
		Grasses
	Species category (select most common/extensive type if using more than one)	Legumes
		Non-legume broadleaves
		Shrubs



Conservation Crop Rotation (CPS 328)	Conservation crop type	Brassica Broadleaf Cool season Grass Legume Warm season
	Change implemented	Added perennial crop Reduced fallow period Both
	Conservation crop rotation tillage type	Conventional (plow, chisel, disk) No-till, direct seed Reduced till Strip till None Other (specify)
	Total conservation crop rotation length in days	1-120
Contour Buffer Strips (CPS 332)	Strip width (feet)	1-100
	Species category	Grasses Forbs Mix
Cover Crop (CPS 340)	Species category (select most common/extensive type if using more than one)	Brassicas Forbs Grasses Legume Non-legume broadleaves
	Cover crop planned management	Grazing Haying Termination
	Cover crop termination method	Burning Herbicide application Incorporation Mowing Rolling/crimping Winter kill/frost
Critical Area Planting (CPS 342)	Species category (select most common/extensive type if using more than one)	Grass Grass legume/forb mix Herbaceous woody mix Perennial or reseeding Shrubs Trees
Feed Management (CPS 592)	Crude protein (percent)	0-100
	Fat (percent)	0-100
	Feed additives/supplements	Chemical Edible oils/fats Seaweed/kelp Other (specify)
Field Border (CPS 386)	Species category (select most common/extensive type if using more than one)	Forbs Grasses Mix Shrubs



Filter Strip (CPS 393)	Strip width (feet)	20-1,000
	Species category (select most common/extensive type if using more than one)	Forbs Grasses Mix Shrubs
Forest Farming (CPS 379)	Land use in previous year	Forest
		Multi-story cropping Pasture/grazing land Row crops Other agroforestry
Forest Stand Improvement (CPS 666)	Purpose for implementation	Maintain or improve forest carbon stocks Maintain or improve forest health and productivity Maintain or improve forest structure and composition Maintain or improve wildlife, fish, and pollinator habitat Manage natural precipitation more efficiently Reduce forest pest pressure Reduce forest wildfire hazard
Grassed Waterway (CPS 412)	Species category (select most common/extensive type if using more than one)	Flowering Plants Forbs Grasses
Hedgerow Planting (CPS 422)	Species category (select most common/extensive type if using more than one)	Grasses Shrubs Trees
	Species density (number of trees planted per acre)	1-10,000
Herbaceous Wind Barriers (CPS 603)	Species category (select most common/extensive type if using more than one)	Forbs Grasses Mix Shrubs
	Barrier width (feet)	1-1,000
	Number of rows	1-100
Mulching (CPS 484)	Mulch type	Gravel Natural Synthetic Wood
	Mulch cover (percent of field)	0-100





Nutrient management (CPS 590)	Nutrient type with CPS 590	Biosolids Commercial fertilizers Compost EEF (nitrification inhibitor) EEF (slow or controlled release) EEF (urease inhibitor) Green manure Liquid animal manure Organic by-products Organic residues or materials Solid/semi-solid animal manure Wastewater
	Nutrient application method with CPS 590	Banded Broadcast Injection Irrigation Surface application Surface application with tillage Variable rate
	Nutrient application method in the previous year	Banded Broadcast Injection Irrigation Surface application Surface application with tillage Variable rate
	Nutrient application timing with CPS 590	Single pre-planting Single post-planting Split pre- and post-planting Split post-planting
	Nutrient application timing in the previous year	Single pre-planting Single post-planting Split pre- and post-planting Split post-planting
	Nutrient application rate with CPS 590	0-20,000
	Nutrient application rate unit with CPS 590	Gallons per acre Pounds per acre
	Nutrient application rate change	Decrease compared to previous year Increase compared to previous year No change
	Species category (select most common/extensive type if using more than one)	Cool-season broadleaf Cool-season grass Warm-season broadleaf Warm-season grass
	Termination process	Grazing Haying (i.e., cutting and baling) Other (specify)
Prescribed Grazing (CPS 528)	Grazing type	Cell grazing Deferred rotational Management intensive Rest-rotation



Range Planting (CPS 550)	Species category (select most common/extensive type if using more than one)	Forbs Grasses Legumes Shrubs Trees
Residue and Tillage Management – No-till (CPS 329)	Surface disturbance	None Seed row only
Residue and Tillage Management – Reduced Till (CPS 345)	Surface disturbance	None Seed row/ridge tillage for planting Shallow across most of the soil surface Vertical/mulch
Riparian Forest Buffer (CPS 391)	Species category (select most common/extensive type if using more than one)	Coniferous trees Deciduous trees Shrubs
	Species density (number of trees planted per acre)	1-10,000
Riparian Herbaceous Cover (CPS 390)	Species category (select most common/extensive type if using more than one)	Ferns Forbs Grasses Legumes Rushes Sedges
Roofs and Covers (CPS 367)	Roof/cover type	Concrete Flexible geomembrane Metal Timber Other (specify)
Silvopasture (CPS 381)	Species category (select most common/extensive type if using more than one)	Coniferous trees Deciduous trees Forage Shrubs
	Species density (number of trees planted per acre)	1-10,000
Stripcropping (CPS 585)	Strip width (feet)	1-1,000
	Crop category (select most common/extensive type if using more than one)	Erosion resistant crops Fallow Sediment trapping crops
	Number of strips	2-100
Tree/Shrub Establishment (CPS 612)	Species category (select most common/extensive type if using more than one)	Coniferous trees Deciduous trees Shrubs
	Species density (number of trees planted per acre)	1-10,000
Vegetative Barrier (CPS 601)	Species category (select most common/extensive type if using more than one)	Grasses Grass forb mix Grass legume mix
	Barrier width (feet)	3-1,000



Waste Separation Facility (CPS 632)	Separation type	Chemical (e.g., salts, polymers) Mechanical (e.g., screens, presses) Settling basin
	Most common use of solids	Bedding Field applied Other (specify)
Waste Storage Facility (CPS 313)	Waste storage system prior to installing your waste storage facility	Aerobic lagoon Anaerobic digester (complex mix) with energy generation Anaerobic digester (plug flow) with energy generation Anaerobic lagoon Composting Covered lagoon (no energy generation or flaring) Covered lagoon with energy generation Covered lagoon with flaring Daily spread Deep bedding pack Deep pit Dry lot Dry stacking/solid storage Pasture/range/paddock Poultry with bedding Poultry without bedding (e.g., high rise) Slurry tank/basin
Waste Treatment (CPS 629)	Treatment type	Biological Chemical Mechanical
Waste Treatment Lagoon (CPS 359)	Waste storage system prior to installing waste treatment lagoon	Aerobic lagoon Anaerobic digester (complex mix) with energy generation Anaerobic digester (plug flow) with energy generation Anaerobic lagoon Composting Covered lagoon (no energy generation or flaring) Covered lagoon with energy generation Covered lagoon with flaring Daily spread Deep bedding pack Deep pit Dry lot Dry stacking/solid storage Pasture/Range/Paddock Poultry with bedding Poultry without bedding (e.g., high rise) Slurry tank/basin
	Is there a lagoon cover/crust?	Yes No
	Is there lagoon aeration?	Yes No





Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment and Renovation (CPS 380)	Species category (select most common/extensive type if using more than one)	Coniferous trees Deciduous trees Shrubs
	Species density (number of trees planted per acre)	1-10,000

**Appendix A: Climate-smart Agriculture and Forestry Practices**All NRCS Practice Standards (not limited to climate-smart practices)

309, Agrichemical Handling Facility	390, Riparian Herbaceous Cover
311, Alley Cropping	391, Riparian Forest Buffer
313, Waste Storage Facility	393, Filter Strip
314, Brush Management	394, Firebreak
315, Herbaceous Weed Treatment	395, Stream Habitat Improvement and Management
316, Animal Mortality Facility	396, Aquatic Organism Passage
317, Composting Facility	397, Aquaculture Pond
318, Short Term Storage of Animal Waste and By-Products	398, Fish Raceway or Tank
319, On-Farm Secondary Containment Facility	399, Fishpond Management
320, Irrigation Canal or Lateral	400, Bivalve Aquaculture Gear and Biofouling Control
324, Deep Tillage	402, Dam
325, High Tunnel System	410, Grade Stabilization Structure
326, Clearing and Snagging	412, Grassed Waterway
327, Conservation Cover	420, Wildlife Habitat Planting
328, Conservation Crop Rotation	422, Hedgerow Planting
329, Residue and Tillage Management, No Till	423, Hillside Ditch
330, Contour Farming	428, Irrigation Ditch Lining
331, Contour Orchard and Other Perennial Crops	428A, Irrigation Water Conveyance, Ditch and Canal Lining, Plain Concrete
332, Contour Buffer Strips	428B, Irrigation Water Conveyance, Ditch and Canal Lining, Flexible Membrane
333, Amending Soil Properties with Gypsum Products	428C, Irrigation Water Conveyance, Ditch and Canal Lining, Galvanized Steel
334, Controlled Traffic Farming	430, Irrigation Pipeline
336, Soil Carbon Amendment	432, Dry Hydrant
338, Prescribed Burning	436, Irrigation Reservoir
340, Cover Crop	441, Irrigation System, Microirrigation
342, Critical Area Planting	442, Sprinkler System
345, Residue and Tillage Management, Reduced Till	443, Irrigation System, Surface and Subsurface
348, Dam, Diversion	447, Irrigation and Drainage Tailwater Recovery
350, Sediment Basin	449, Irrigation Water Management
351, Well Decommissioning	450, Anionic Polyacrylamide (PAM) Application
353, Monitoring Well	453, Land Reclamation, Landslide Treatment
355, Groundwater Testing	455, Land Reclamation, Toxic Discharge Control
356, Dike and Levee	457, Mine Shaft and Adit Closing
359, Waste Treatment Lagoon	460, Land Clearing
360, Waste Facility Closure	462, Precision Land Forming and Smoothing
362, Diversion	464, Irrigation Land Leveling
366, Anaerobic Digester	466, Land Smoothing
367, Roofs and Covers	468, Lined Waterway or Outlet
368, Emergency Animal Mortality Management	472, Access Control
371, Air Filtration and Scrubbing	484, Mulching
372, Combustion System Improvement	490, Tree/Shrub Site Preparation
373, Dust Control on Unpaved Roads and Surfaces	500, Obstruction Removal
374, Energy Efficient Agricultural Operation	511, Forage Harvest Management
375, Dust Management for Pen Surfaces	512, Pasture and Hay Planting
376, Field Operations Emissions Reduction	516, Livestock Pipeline
378, Pond	520, Pond Sealing or Lining, Compacted Soil Treatment
379, Forest Farming	521, Pond Sealing or Lining, Geomembrane or Geosynthetic Clay Liner
380, Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment and Renovation	521A, Pond Sealing or Lining, Flexible Membrane
381, Silvopasture	521B, Pond Sealing or Lining, Soil Dispersant
382, Fence	521C, Pond Sealing or Lining, Bentonite Sealant
383, Fuel Break	
384, Woody Residue Treatment	
386, Field Border	
388, Irrigation Field Ditch	



521D, Pond Sealing or Lining, Compacted Clay Treatment	632, Waste Separation Facility
522, Pond Sealing or Lining - Concrete	633, Waste Recycling
527, Sinkhole Treatment	634, Waste Transfer
528, Prescribed Grazing	635, Vegetated Treatment Area
533, Pumping Plant	636, Water Harvesting Catchment
543, Land Reclamation, Abandoned Mined Land	638, Water and Sediment Control Basin
544, Land Reclamation, Currently Mined Land	640, Waterspreading
548, Grazing Land Mechanical Treatment	642, Water Well
550, Range Planting	643, Restoration of Rare or Declining Natural Communities
554, Drainage Water Management	644, Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management
555, Rock Wall Terrace	645, Upland Wildlife Habitat Management
557, Row Arrangement	646, Shallow Water Development and Management
558, Roof Runoff Structure	647, Early Successional Habitat Development-Mgt
560, Access Road	649, Structures for Wildlife
561, Heavy Use Area Protection	650, Windbreak/Shelterbelt Renovation
562, Recreation Area Improvement	654, Road/Trail/Landing Closure and Treatment
566, Recreation Land Improvement and Protection	655, Forest Trails and Landings
570, Stormwater Runoff Control	656, Constructed Wetland
572, Spoil Disposal	657, Wetland Restoration
574, Spring Development	658, Wetland Creation
575, Trails and Walkways	659, Wetland Enhancement
576, Livestock Shelter Structure	660, Tree-Shrub Pruning
578, Stream Crossing	666, Forest Stand Improvement
580, Streambank and Shoreline Protection	670, Energy Efficient Lighting System
582, Open Channel	672, Energy Efficient Building Envelope
584, Channel Bed Stabilization	736, Crop By-Product Transfer, interim
585, Stripcropping	724, Water Treatment Facility, interim
587, Structure for Water Control	735, Waste Gasification Facility, interim
588, Crosswind Ridges	737, Reduced Water and Energy Coffee Conveyance System, interim
589, Cross Wind Trap Strips	740, Pond Sealing and Lining, Soil Cement, interim
590, Nutrient Management	751, Individual Terrace, interim
591, Amendments for Treatment of Agricultural Waste	753, Infiltration Ditch, interim
592, Feed Management	755, Well Plugging, interim
595, Pest Management Conservation System	770, Livestock Confinement Facility, interim
600, Terrace	775, Drainage Ditch Covering, interim
601, Vegetative Barrier	782, Phosphorus Removal System, interim
602, Equitable Relief	800, Controlling Existing Flowing Wells, interim
603, Herbaceous Wind Barriers	803, Water Well Disinfection, interim
604, Saturated Buffer	805, Amending Soil Properties with Lime, interim
605, Denitrifying Bioreactor	808, Soil Carbon Amendment, interim
606, Subsurface Drain	809, Conservation Harvest Management, interim
607, Surface Drain, Field Ditch	810, Annual Forages for Grazing Systems, interim
608, Surface Drain, Main or Lateral	812, Raised Beds, interim
609, Surface Roughening	815, Groundwater Recharge Basin or Trench, interim
610, Salinity and Sodic Soil Management	817, On-Farm Recharge, interim
612, Tree/Shrub Establishment	818, Water Conservation System, interim
614, Watering Facility	821, Low Tunnel Systems, interim
620, Underground Outlet	823, Organic Management, interim
629, Waste Treatment	
630, Vertical Drain	





Other CSAF Practices

Traditional or cultural practices

Microbial products

Solar power generation

Grain bin construction

Pre-season drainage



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## Appendix B: Commodity List

CROPS

ALFALFA  
ALMONDS  
AMARANTH GRAIN  
APPLES  
APRICOTS  
ARONIA (CHOKEBERRY)  
ARTICHOKES  
ASPARAGUS  
ATEMOYA  
AVOCADOS  
BAMBOO SHOOTS  
BANANAS  
BARLEY  
BEANS  
BEETS  
BIRDSFOOT/TREFOIL  
BLUEBERRIES  
BREADFRUIT  
BROCCOFLOWER  
BROCCOLI  
BROCCOLINI  
BRUSSEL SPROUTS  
BUCKWHEAT  
CABBAGE  
CACAO  
CACTUS  
CAIMITO  
CALABAZA MELON  
CALALOO  
CAMELINA  
CANARY MELON  
CANARY SEED  
CANEERRIES  
CANISTEL  
CANOLA  
CANTALOUPE  
CARAMBOLA (STAR FRUIT)  
CARROTS  
CASHEW  
CASSAVA  
CAULIFLOWER  
CELERIAC  
CELERY  
CHERIMOYA  
CHERRIES  
CHESTNUTS  
CHICORY/RADICCHIO  
CHINESE BITTER MELON  
CHRISTMAS TREES  
CHUFAS

CINNAMON  
CLOVER  
COCONUTS  
COFFEE  
CORN  
COTTON ELS  
COTTON UPLAND  
CRANBERRIES  
CRENSHAW MELON  
CRUSTACEAN  
CUCUMBERS  
CURRANTS  
DASHEEN  
DATES  
DURIAN  
EGGPLANT  
EINKORN  
ELDERBERRIES  
EMMER  
FIGS  
FINFISH  
FLAX  
FLOWERS  
FORAGE SOYBEAN/SORGHUM  
GAILON  
GARLIC  
GENIP  
GINGER  
GINSENG  
GOOSEBERRIES  
GOURDS  
GRAPEFRUIT  
GRAPES  
GRASS  
GREENS  
GROUND CHERRY  
GUAMABANA/SOURSOP  
GUAR  
GUAVA  
GUAVABERRY  
GUAYULE  
HAZEL NUTS  
HEMP  
HERBS  
HESPERALOE  
HONEY  
HONEYBERRIES  
HONEYDEW  
HOPS  
HORSERADISH  
HUCKLEBERRIES

HYBRID POPLAR TREES  
IDLE  
INDIGO  
ISRAEL MELONS  
JACK FRUIT  
JERUSALEM ARTICHOKES  
JICAMA  
JOJOBA  
JUJUBE  
JUNEERRIES  
KENAF  
KHORASAN  
KIWIBERRY  
KIWIFRUIT  
KOCHIA (PROSTRATA)  
KOHLRABI  
KOREAN GOLDEN MELON  
KUMQUATS  
LAMBS EAR  
LEEKS  
LEMONS  
LENTILS  
LESPEDEZA  
LETTUCE  
LIMES  
LONGAN  
LOQUATS  
LYCHEE  
MANGOS  
MANGOSTEEN  
MAPLE SAP  
MAYHAW BERRIES  
MEADOWFOAM  
MILKWEED  
MILLET  
MIXED FORAGE  
MOHAIR  
MOLLUSK  
MORINGA  
MULBERRIES  
MUSHROOMS  
MUSTARD  
NECTARINES  
NIGER SEED  
NONI  
OATS  
OKRA  
OLIVES  
ONIONS  
ORANGES  
PAPAYA



PARSNIP	STRAWBERRIES	
PASSION FRUITS	SUGAR BEETS	
PAWPAW	SUGARCANE	<u>LIVESTOCK</u>
PEACHES	SUNFLOWERS	ALPACAS
PEANUTS	SUNN HEMP	BEEF COWS
PEARS	TANGELOS	BEEFALO
PEAS	TANGERINES	BUFFALO OR BISON
PECANS	TANGORS	CHICKENS (BROILERS)
PENNYCRESS	TANGOS	CHICKENS (LAYERS)
PEPPERS	TANNIER	DAIRY COWS
PERENNIAL PEANUTS	TARO	DEER
PERIQUE TOBACCO	TEA	DUCKS
PERSIMMONS	TEFF	ELK
PINE NUTS	TI	EMUS
PINEAPPLE	TOBACCO CIGAR WRAPPER	EQUINE
PISTACHIOS	TOBACCO BURLEY	GEESE
PITAYA/DAGONFRUIT	TOBACCO BURLEY 31V	GOATS
PLANTAIN	TOBACCO CIGAR BINDER	HONEYBEES
PLUMCOTS	TOBACCO CIGAR FILLER	LLAMAS
PLUMS	TOBACCO CIGAR FILLER BINDER	REINDEER
POMEGRANATES	TOBACCO DARK AIR CURED	SHEEP
POTATOES	TOBACCO FIRE CURED	SWINE
POTATOES SWEET	TOBACCO FLUE CURED	TURKEYS
PRUNES	TOBACCO MARYLAND	
PSYLLIUM	TOBACCO VIRGINIA FIRE CURED	
PUMMELO	TOMATILLOS	
PUMPKINS	TOMATOES	
QUINCES	TREES TIMBER	
QUINOA	TRITICALE	
RADISHES	TRUFFLES	
RAISINS	TURNIPS	
RAMBUTAN	VETCH	
RAPESEED	WALNUTS	
RHUBARB	WAMPEE	
RICE	WASABI	
RICE SWEET	WATERMELON	
RICE WILD	WAX JAMBOO FRUIT	
RUTABAGA	WHEAT	
RYE	WILLOW SHRUB	
SAFFLOWER	WINTER MELON	
SAPODILLA	WOLFBERRY/GOJI	
SAPOTE	YAM	
SCALLIONS		
SESAME		
SHALLOTS		
SORGHUM		
SORGHUM DUAL PURPOSE		
SORGHUM FORAGE		
SOYBEANS		
SPELT		
SQUASH		
STAR GOOSEBERRY		



## Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities Additional Specific Terms and Conditions February 2023

### **I. Overarching Statement**

The following award terms and conditions are applicable to Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities agreements and are in addition to the USDA FPAC General Terms and Conditions. The award recipient must abide by all terms of this grant including, but not limited to, the General Terms and Conditions, the terms in the Funding Opportunity and associated Frequently Asked Questions, and this addendum. The recipient must also deliver on the planned objectives in the project narrative and budget narrative associated with this grant.

### **II. Eligibility and Highly Erodible Lands and Wetlands Compliance**

In order to be eligible for an incentive payment as a part of the Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities, a producer must:

- Establish Farm Records with the Farm Service Agency (FSA) (have farm, tract, and field numbers in place);
- Complete an AD-2047 (Customer Data Worksheet to facilitate the collection of customer data for Business Partner Record);
- Certify highly erodible land conservation (HEL) and wetland conservation (WC) compliance via Form AD-1026, Highly Erodible Land Conservation (HELC) and Wetland Conservation (WC) Certification; and
- Certify that they are not a foreign person or entity.

Farm, tract, and field numbers are required for the producer, and ultimately the Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities recipient, to report climate-smart practice implementation to USDA, as well as to certify and maintain HELC/WC compliance. This will require that some producers who do not already have these numbers, like perennial crop growers or feedlots, establish these records with USDA's FSA. Farm, tract, field numbers, producer name, and Core Customer I.D. (CCID) will be provided by the recipient to the National Program Officer as a part of routine grant reporting. Recipients must ensure that producers receiving financial assistance or incentives through this project use the same name as is included in the relevant FSA Business File for that Farm ID in any contracts or similar documentation kept by the recipient.

Producers are not bound by the payment limitations and the adjusted gross income (AGI) limitations that are in place for other USDA programs.

In order to demonstrate HELC/WC compliance for Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities incentive payments, producers will need to request a copy of their subsidiary print from their

USDA FSA field office. The Subsidiary Print includes print year specific eligibility related information about a selected producer. The producer will then provide this documentation to the Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities recipients as proof of compliance. A current year subsidiary print will be required for each crop year that the producer receives a payment, and HELC/WC eligibility information is provided under the AD-1026 and Conservation Compliance sections of subsidiary (determined by year, which can change at any time during the year or in a subsequent year). As is the case already, field offices will not be expected to provide documentation to anyone besides the producer themselves (and must always comply with Section 1619 limitations if they ever do provide documentation to third parties). Producers must have control of the land for the term of their beneficiary contract.

Recipients are responsible for determining producer eligibility within the funding opportunity requirements. Recipients must inform producers of eligibility requirements and direct them to local USDA offices for requested information as necessary, including but not limited to, farm and tract establishment and Highly Erodible Land and Wetland Compliance determinations. Privacy of producers is a priority throughout this process, and recipients are responsible for maintaining producer privacy in the process.

At minimum, the recipient will collect and review subsidiary reports from participating producers. They will ensure that the producer is listed as “compliant” in all sections of the conservation compliance portion of subsidiary and “certified” for AD-1026 before an incentive payment is made. If payments to a producer span more than one Federal fiscal year, the recipient will review an updated subsidiary print each fiscal year to ensure that the status is still compliant.

### **III. Other Environmental and Cultural Resources Reviews**

A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was signed by USDA NRCS on August 26, 2022. A copy of the Programmatic Environmental Assessment for Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities is available at [www.usda.gov/climate-smart-commodities](http://www.usda.gov/climate-smart-commodities). USDA may determine that additional environmental and cultural resources review is needed for any particular action under Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities. The recipient must not execute any beneficiary contracts under this grant agreement prior to receipt of a letter from USDA that specifically details:

- 1) further procedures deemed appropriate by the Agency to ensure a completed National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review and all appropriate consultation requirements are met, and
- 2) additional instructions for any unanticipated discoveries or conditions.

A resolution of support is required for projects on Tribal lands from the governing body of the Tribe with jurisdiction over that land, if the applicant is not the Tribe nor an entity owned or



operated by that Tribe. USDA may approve alternative documentation for resolutions when USDA deems necessary and legally sufficient.

#### **IV. Producer Benefits**

USDA encourages the recipient to disclose to participating producers the manner and amount for which any market premiums derived from the development of the relevant climate-smart commodity will be shared between participating parties, including producers. USDA will be monitoring producer benefits, in particular those to small and underserved producers, throughout the grant period. Recipients agree that their project(s) will implement a plan for engaging small and underserved producers as laid out in this agreement.

#### **V. Producer Data Protection and Disclosure**

Recipients must ensure each producer has convenient access to any data collected from that producer or the producer's land and any associated modeling as part of the project. The recipient must provide each producer applying for benefits under this grant a description in writing of how their information, including but not limited to data about their farm and commodities, will be utilized, protected and shared as applicable.

#### **VI. Other Data and Reporting Requirements**

In addition to the reporting information provided in the statement of work and General Terms and Conditions, USDA will provide a template for the Detailed Progress Report, also known as the Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities (PSCS) Project Reporting Workbook. Within 30 calendar days of execution of this grant, a copy of this workbook will be posted at [www.usda.gov/climate-smart-commodities](http://www.usda.gov/climate-smart-commodities) or an alternative location provided to the recipient by the National Program Officer. USDA may provide updates to the PCSC Project Reporting Workbook or submission methods to streamline the data collection process and/or reduce the burden on the recipient throughout the grant period. Generally, these updates will be provided at least 3 months in advance of any required changes. The recipient must not transfer any data to foreign governments or foreign entities without prior approval from USDA.

USDA will provide a Technical Contact for this grant. The Technical Contact will have the responsibility of technical oversight for USDA for the project. The recipient is responsible for providing the technical assistance required to successfully implement and complete the project. The recipient must comply with any requests for information from the Technical Contact. The Technical Contact for this award is the National Program Officer assigned to this grant.

Prior to execution of this grant, the recipient must provide a shapefile depicting the project boundary for enrollment under this grant. Producer enrollment may not occur outside this boundary without modification of this grant.



Within 30 calendar days of execution of this grant, the recipient must provide to the National Program Officer a website address where enrollment information will be posted for producers for the project associated with this grant. Recipients will be responsible for the following reports:

- Submit quarterly performance reports that include a written progress report, as well as additional reporting on specific data elements contained in the most up-to-date version of the Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities Project Reporting Workbook. Additional information about each reported element is described in the Data Dictionary.
- Submit supplemental reports required to validate greenhouse gas (GHG) benefit data, including: (1) an initial project MMRV plan, (2) field-modeled GHG benefit reports, and (3) field-direct GHG measurement results, as applicable. Additional information about these reports is included in the Data Dictionary.
- Submit copies of project outputs and deliverables (e.g., fact sheets, reports) as attachments in ezFedGrants along with quarterly performance reports.
- Report the version of COMET-Planner used to estimate GHG benefits of the project within each quarterly performance report. As COMET-Planner is updated, recipients must adopt the latest version of the tool as directed by USDA for use in performance reports.

Recipients must designate an individual as a member of the USDA Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities Learning Network (Partnerships Network); this representative should be identified in the Project Narrative for this grant. Each project includes a plan for up to two Partnerships Network virtual meetings and two in-person meetings a year during the project duration. Dates and other details on events will be posted at [www.usda.gov/climate-smart-commodities](http://www.usda.gov/climate-smart-commodities) or an alternative location provided to the recipient by the National Program Officer.

The Partnerships Network will be co-chaired by representative from the USDA Office of the Chief Economist and the Farm Production and Conservation Mission Area. The Partnerships Network will inform synthesis reports to be assembled by USDA on a range of topics related to the implementation of Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities projects, including:

- Lessons-learned as projects are implemented;
- Options for providing technical assistance;
- Procedures for measurement/quantification, monitoring, reporting, and verifying GHG benefits;
- Options for tracing climate-smart commodities through the supply chain;
- Mechanisms for reducing costs of implementation;
- A forum for discussion and learning regarding approaches to climate-smart agriculture and forestry implementation (including but not limited to deployment and

measurement/quantification, monitoring, reporting, tracking, and verification of associated greenhouse gas benefits and marketing of climate-smart commodities).

- Synthesis of outcomes; and
- Opportunities for USDA and others to inform future approaches to generating new and expanded markets for climate-smart commodities.

The Partnerships Network topics to be discussed will cover at minimum the areas described in previous FAQs and will evolve with USDA's ongoing project data analysis efforts and with input from the project recipients on the kinds of sessions that will be most helpful to them in building the diverse climate-smart markets associated with their projects. Participation may include at least one interview a year and include questions related to the following areas:

- Technical assistance approaches, methods, and successes and/or challenges
- Producer outreach approaches, methods, and successes and/or challenges
- Monitoring, measurement, reporting, and verification (MMRV) approaches, methods, and successes and/or challenges
- Marketing approaches, methods, and successes and/or challenges
- Partnership approaches, methods, and successes and/or challenges
- Data collection and storage approaches, methods, and successes and/or challenges
- Supply chain approaches, methods and successes and/or challenges, including approaches to traceability
- Supply chain benefits and demand for climate-smart commodities
- Perspectives on program design, climate-smart commodity definitions, and future approaches or opportunities
- Project successes and stories

USDA may also request producer exit reports at a later date. Additional marketing and branding-related requirements may be provided by USDA, including signage related to Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities.

## **VII. Competition and Anti-Competitive Practices**

In connection with this grant, recipients may not prohibit or otherwise limit a producer from changing the provider of other services or materials not included as part of this grant.

Recipients may not condition, limit, steer, or discriminate in their provision or sale of non-project business functions or products to producers based on their participation or non-participation in or use of any services provided as part of this grant. Additionally, funds in this agreement shall not be used for purposes or activities related to mergers or acquisitions.

**VIII. Suspension and Disbarment**

The provisions governing Suspension and Disbarment in subsection 1.a.8 shall also apply to fraud, embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification, or destruction of records, making false statements, or violations of the Federal civil antitrust or unfair trade practice laws.

**IX. Special provisions for awards to for-profit entities as recipients**

This section contains provisions that apply to awards to for-profit entities. These provisions are in addition to other applicable provisions of these terms and conditions, or they make exceptions from other provisions of the terms and conditions for awards to for-profit entities. For-profit entities that receive awards have two options regarding audits:

- 1) A financial related audit of a particular award in accordance with Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, in those cases where the for-profit entity receives awards under only one USDA program; or, if awards are received under multiple USDA programs, a financial related audit of all awards in accordance with Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; or
- 2) An audit that meets the requirements contained in 2 CFR 200 subpart F.

For-profit entities that receive annual awards totaling less than the audit requirement threshold in 2 CFR 200 subpart F are exempt from USDA audit requirements for that year, but records must be available for review by appropriate officials of Federal agencies or the Government Accountability Office.

**X. Non-Disparagement**

Recipients may not engage in any advertising deemed by USDA as disparaging to another agricultural commodity or competing product, or in violation of the prohibition against false and misleading advertising. Disparagement is defined as anything that depicts other commodities in a negative or unpleasant light via overt or subjective video, photography, or statements. Comparative advertising is allowable, provided the presentation of facts is truthful, objective, not misleading, and supported by a reasonable basis.